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Comments: Please accept my comments in support of the proposed Rico Trails Project alternative 2, with the change to the Spring Creek Trail in Alternative 3. I am opposed to the additional seasonal closure for the Ryman Creek Trail in alternative 3 for the following reasons.

While there are other trail options for mountain bikes in the RWD area during the proposed seasonal closure, Ryman Creek trail would be the only trail rideable uphill so mountain bikers can access the higher elevation trails via singletrack and avoid dangerous roads. This uphill ride-ability is one of the key benefits in the realignment proposed which will be great for the Rico community and economy.

The length of the seasonal closure is excessive extending past motorized seasonal closures in the RWD area. Seasonal closures have been around for a long time and many roads and trails have also been closed in the RWD area yet there is still a decline in the big game population. CPW voiced that they can't figure out the reason for the decline but then demand seasonal closures and continue pushing out dates further into the spring.

Wildlife health is important to me and on the surface the seasonal closure argument seems good but a deeper look into the subject reveals minimal supporting evidence that justifies blocking access to public lands.