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Comments: Thank you for the effort and energy that you all have put into this project.

SWCCA is dedicated protecting trail access, advocating for cyclists, and sustaining and improving cycling opportunities with a strong focus on mountain biking. We are a very diverse user group and our members typically have multiple outdoor interests aside from mountain biking.

SWCCA supports Alternative 3, but we strongly request that the seasonal closure on the Ryman trail be removed or modified.

We care about our environment and wildlife, and believe that mountain biking has a minimal impact on both. Specifically, we have no greater impact than that of hikers, horseman, or hunters. We are also concerned about the declining elk population, but the seasonal closure on the Ryman trail to all users during the spring and early summer takes away prime riding and hiking time. It is the equivalent of closing the trail to hunters during hunting season. It seems as if the closure dates show preference to the hunters and does not acknowledge the desire of hikers and bikers to enjoy the best part of the season. If the Ryman trail realignment cannot move forward without the seasonal closure we request a shorter closure time period. Additionally, we request that language be added that a study be completed at CPW's expense to the success rate of the closure, and if a significant increase in population is not seen that the closure be removed from the Ryman trail.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice our concerns and hopefully a compromise can be met regarding the closure dates.