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Comments: To whom it may concern in the US Forest Service,

I want to start off by saying that my husband and I are big fans of the USFS. We appreciate all the work that is done to allow our forests to continue growing and stay healthy. It is important work that needs to be done.

I have personally experienced logging and thinning projects in the Deschutes National Forest in Oregon, so I know how devastating it can be to a single track trail system. I believe it greatly diminishes the recreational users' experience for many, many years. I feel that the Boggy Draw trail system is such a great asset to this community. It has been lovingly created and maintained by the Southwest Colorado Cycling Association. This wonderful trail system not only provides a myriad of outdoor recreation opportunities to the local community; but also brings in visitors from other areas who, in turn, bring uncounted dollars to the local economy.

If too many trees are cut in the winter use area, the grooming and snow retention will be very negatively impacted. I personally use the trails all year; mountain biking in dry weather and cross country skiing and fat biking on the wonderfully groomed snow trails.

I believe that if this project has to move forward it should be done with extreme care and very light touch in the Boggy Draw trail system area. If possible, a plan could be put together along with the SWCCA to protect the areas that need shade in the winter months; minimize the impact on existing single track trails, and minimize length of trail closures. Please require the logging companies to not only tread lightly; but also to help to restore the destroyed areas of trail.

As far as the road 31 where there would be greatly increased large truck and equipment traffic; I would also ask for speedy approval and funds provided for the proposed trail that would parallel the road 31. The existence of a trail separated from the road would positively impact the safety of all who use the road. I also think that the road should be maintained and repaved as necessary.

thank you for your consideration.