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Comments: My family and I are trail users of Boggy Draw. This logging activity will irreparably harm this beautiful location. I oppose this effort.

Boggy Draw is an outdoor destination for many people. It has some excellent single track and consistently beautiful views. It is home to (likely) uncountable numbers of wildlife. Logging this area will change all of that. It will uproot and stress animals. It will destroy the beautiful views. It will stop people from coming to Dolores.

In the Summer, Boggy draw is filled with camping families, hikers, runners, dogs, and bike riders.

In the Winter, Boggy Draw is one of the few areas with groomed recreation track. Many people look forward to spending their cold, cold mornings here. This, like all forms of recreation, is a way to find peace in this increasingly chaotic world. Technology is chaos. Logging a serene wild area is chaos.

We won't know the economic impact logging Boggy Draw will have on Dolores until 10 years have passed. What I can say, though, is that I will not continue to visit the area. Why would I want to recreate in a construction zone? Colorado has many other trails and communities where I will visit and spend my money. Who would chose to ride a bike in a forest that is being cut and loaded on a truck?

While it should go without saying that nearly every citizen understands beetle and fire mitigation, can we truly say that this isn't mostly about the almighty dollar bill? In reading some of these other comments by people associated with--for example--Montrose Forest Products, one so non-industry educated might surmise that the tone of the article is focused on money.

Statements like "our 120 employees approve of this" are blatantly about income. Yes, people with jobs need work to do; they need to survive and support their families. Though, at what "cost"? Conversely, is it fair for me to say "thousands of citizens don't support this"? I know we don't have thousands of comments; likely due to most people being unaware of the situation. But think forward to every car that rolls into Boggy Draw in a few years to find it decimated. Further, in this aforementioned letter, you'll find several statements strictly related to money saving requests by the author. This forest is income to those companies. They'll do their job, move on to the next location, and we'll be left with a shard of our previous Boggy Draw.

This forest is peace to its community. An escape from the scars of mankind. This effort will further remind us of the doom that we are spreading throughout our wilds.

Keep money-driven chainsaws out of Boggy Draw.