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Comments: Good morning Forest Management,

I wish to comment on the logging that will be happening in the Boggy Draw Mountain Bike Trail System area. It seems obvious to me that the forest could use thinning, and I expect that it will be done carefully.

I've been riding the trails for the last 9 years. I'm 75 years old. I've ridden trail systems in Arizona as well as Colorado, but Boggy Draw is certainly my favorite and I consider it one of the great treasures of Montezuma County. I've had family join me from 5 years to 50 years of age and from as far away as Norway, Italy and England. 8 of those were my Grandchildren who will be coming back for years. (They stay in accommodations in Dolores, eat out at restaurants, their favorite being the Dolores River Brewery, and also include Montezuma Mexican Restaurant and the Farm in Cortez...they spend money at the local grocery as well. Just a minuscule portion of the visitors that Boggy Draw draws.)

I've spoken to many other riders while I've been riding the trails, from all over, mostly in this area, but throughout the west and people from back east and a few international riders. They all were EXTREMELY impressed with the trail systems at Boggy draw. I see old folks such as myself, families with small kids, groups of teens even, having a great time riding the Boggy Draw trails. And all of those folks end up spending time and money in Dolores and Cortez. Boggy Draw is the perfect compliment to Phil's World. So much is at risk for so many.

I've been working with SWCCA for the last four or five years and helped construct the new trails in Boggy Draw as well in Phil's world and also maintain the Boggy Draw trails. Needless to say, I'm very concerned about the damage to the existing trail system by heavy logging equipment. I would gladly help repair damage whenever necessary caused by this project but hope it will be minimal and all guidelines will be enforced. Once again I consider Boggy Draw to be one of the more unique recreational systems in this entire region. Even the people from Durango and Telluride are amazed.

I'm concerned about the logging trucks coming down Dunlap hill as I've witnessed a recent logging truck spill on HWY 184. That would be devastating in and for the town of Dolores. In closing, I would ask you to PLEASE carefully manage any logging in the Boggy Draw trail systems and LISTEN to suggestions provided by SWCCA.

Sincerely concerned,

Dusty Teal