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Comments: I used to MTB at Boggy nearly 20 years ago because my wife liked the somewhat easier trails and lower risk level, as compared to Phil's World. But as time went on I got bored with the place. That is until the SWCCA started building new trails there. Holy cow, Boggy has become my favorite haunt! The flow, the amount of new terrain, and the views can't be beat.

But all of that would diminish in quality if logging enterprises got too close to the trails. Hell, there are so many trees out there the USFS could harvest forever and not even make a dent in the resource, BUT you should maintain a 100 yard buffer along the trails that the USFS has already approved.

For instance, in Mancos, up by Chicken Creek there was a beautiful little trail that meandered along a ditch that even in the worst of the drought, had flowing water. Last year, thinning operations opened up the trail to more sunlight, making it less user-friendly for our senior-citizen hikers. Things like this don't have to be done in the name of taking out an extra 50 trees. Open up the zone where it is not being used by recreationalists! Like I said, there are plenty of trees out there.

The same goes with Boggy. Leave the trail system buffer. Please?

You might think I'm a tree hugger. Nope, I have a BS in Forestry from the University of New Hampshire. I have worked for logging companies as a feller and a yard worker. So, I love trees, but I realize their importance to the economy and to keeping the forest fire danger at a minimum.

Thank you.