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Comments: I am a Granath Mesa resident who lives 2.5 miles from the Boggy Draw Trailhead. My family of four are very active users of the Boggy Draw trail system for a wide variety of activities including mountain biking, snow biking, XC skiing, running, hiking, and camping. In addition, I am the owner of a natural construction company that tries to utilize local timber products from Aspen Wallwood and Stonertop Lumber in much of my work. These facts explain how I am very engaged in our local forest and why I have comments in this logging proposal.

In general, I support the concerns raised by Southwest Colorado Cycling Association on the impacts on the Boggy Draw trail system. Specifically, I urge you to adopt a philosophy of minimizing disruption to the existing trails by rerouting trail sections off proposed haul roads so that the trail usage is not so dependent on the timetable of logging and rehabilitation work. Don't close trails when there is no danger and skid crossings could be signed like road crossings. Close one trail at a time. If trail damage is unavoidable, rehabilitation should be prompt.

In summary, I support the need to minimize wildfire risk and beetle kill damage to improve overall forest health and provide local timber. I believe this must be balanced against potential damage to what has become a very valuable asset to Montezuma County. As a nearly 20 year resident of Granath Mesa, I can attest to the amazing growth in visitation and popularity of the Boggy Draw area. I am sure that the estimated \$300,000 worth of local volunteer trailwork has brought real economic benefits to local businesses. For example, Kokopelli Bike and Board is in the process of opening a satellite bike shop in downtown Dolores as a direct result of the popularity of the Boggy Draw trail system. Let's take the extra effort to accomplish the forest management of this special and treasured area without destroying what has already been accomplished. Thanks for your consideration.