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Comments: As a regular year-round "user" of the area of impact, I thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Salter EA. The need to address forest health in our "backyard" is obvious. This plan is BIG and Long-term. Thus the need to be extremely careful, consistent and inclusive in the decisions, implementation and monitoring of such an endeavor. I am likely not alone in my anxiety to ensure that errors such as occurred during a prescribed burn in the House Creek area a few years ago never occur again with any projects on our Forest. (Yes, admittedly I have some trust issues...)

I've reviewed the draft EA, as best as a layperson is able. I'm supportive of the Alternative that would save the large trees. I appreciate the acknowledgement of the effects of Climate Change in planning efforts. And, I like the potential of adding to the local economy with increased opportunities for well managed wood product light industries.

On more specific areas of concern - Trail closures, damage, value and maintenance; Economic and Community Impact; traffic and SAFETY - I fully echo and support the comments and suggestions of the Southwest Colorado Cycling Association (SWCCA). This is very likely the most experienced, best informed, hard working, cooperative and caring partner group an agency could ask for.

Thank you.