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Comments: As a member of the Thunder Mountain Wheelers ATV Club (TMW) and Trail Coordinator for the club, I believe that Alternative C is our best hope of retaining protection of the trails and sport we like. Even though not the best, it's defiantly better than the other options. TMW has furnished a large amount of time and money towards ATV trails on the GMUG.

I believe the forests need taken care of in a way that can benefit all. I'm very much in favor of trails, secondary roads and logging. Trails, logging and secondary roads play an important role in controlling and fighting fires. This year we have notice some of our trails on the Uncompahgre have had the brush cut back. Talking with Forest Service fire personal on the trail they indicated these trails become an important part of fire mitigation, creating a fire break. Road and trail density becomes an important consideration to achieve protection and ability to fight fires. Even though I believe Alternate C is the best option I don't agree with all the roadless areas proposed.

1% of the GMUG designated to recreation is not much help when all government and state agencies have shown the huge growth of recreation on public lands. I believe certain areas need protection and designated wilderness but not to the point that this becomes the norm. When trails and roads are taken away, people are forced to other areas and those areas become over crowded creating problems. Again trail and road density needs careful evaluation.

If CPW statistics are true, then motorized use isn't a concern when it comes to wildlife. Declines in deer especially, began long before the ATV came into existence.

In closing I feel the motorized OHV community has proven we can keep our adopted trails in excellent environmental condition and safe for all forms of use. I'm in favor of multi-use and don't object to others using the forest. I do object to others keeping people out by advocating road closure and wilderness. The key is "Using not Abusing."

Alternative D is defiantly not a friend of the motorized community.

A Forest Supervisor once told me that "There is room for everyone." Thank You for letting me comment on this important issue.