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Comments: I have reviewed the documents sent by our club "Thunder Mountain Wheeler's" and the plentiful documentation on the USFS web sites on the various plan alternatives under consideration. I agree Alternative-C supports current and future recreation needs while I/TMW adamantly oppose Alternative-D. A growing need for more lands accessible for recreation on the GMUG to accommodate future forest visitation growth. Road/wheeled usage of an acre is perhaps 5% of that acre for the actual road and as such does not impose much burden in the reconfiguration of that 5% for the usage returned.

I see the established trails are used with little off trail damages as compared to other state areas we have visited.

People experience and thus appreciate what the GMUG forests, lakes, fauna and meadows have to offer and thus self integrity seems to protect that space. While enjoying the TMW adopted trails in Grand Mesa we have encountered many mountain bikers, horse riders and hiking users all of which do little to maintain the trails they are enjoying and also believe these trails are a great public service. I believe TMW club has the best interests at heart and in mind to build and maintain an intelligent set of trails that enable citizens ranging from youth to seniors with limited time to experience the deeper forest beauty that surrounds Delta in their brief visits. What they find will draw them back, growing a personal respect for what drew them to the forests they too will become the stewards of that rewarding experience.

These hours "in the rough" are thus valuable to us all and through the use of legs, hoofs or wheels on maintained marked trails we can get a great dose of what a new forest plan should aim to protect but deliver as our recreation resource, a commendable endeavor for sure. Who'd have thunk simply visiting a forest would be recreation, dah! You thought it was the rolling wheels and roaring engine didn't you.

Unlike many of the "form letter" respondents of the various national clubs, of which few of their members actually ever visit the things they have concern for, our local general public around Delta and TMW members actually visit these lands and know well what is needed to maintain our reason to have access for all travel modes be maintained through the decades to come. We care because we live here, we care because it's what drew us here, we are not just clicking "send" to some paid professional writers wording that lives in Delaware or California. Today it's all too easy to generate email campaigns using any of the many paid services which provide of 'issue blasting' to generate meaningless large

numbers  
of responses.

Our modern "busy" lifestyle finds few hours in a weekend or maybe a vacation day to visit the surrounding public lands.

We all drive by the OHV store longing to find out why people buy them, where do they go, what do they enjoy about it?

We all drive by the forests and desert lands, the canyons and mountains and the lure is felt deep inside. But how to get

this all in a few short week end hours? We see hundreds of trucks, trailers carrying the OHV's, bicycles and horses to

some destination, of which only 10% may of these users may join and support a club such as TMW as they simply do not have

time and/or can't go to after work/school week night meetings. The numbers are there but not engaged in this forest plan

process today. Eventually some will buy those OHV's and then look for the trail destinations in the future, what will they

find? It is then they become engaged. All the while those "form letter" clicker people have moved on to other issues, win

or lose, they move on with little actual regard for what they are doing, I'd say they are non-engaged, their attention is

only on a topic for the duration of the read of that paid response invoking email they got. We live, work, recreate here

in GMUG country.

Through a rewarding first hand experience of forest lands visitation, these same citizens grow a knowledge and respect

of our national forests such that they too may join in to support and maintain our public lands for true multi-use!

Thank you for accepting my comments, and join in our desire to keep our lands open for all to enjoy, while protecting

forests and wildlife for decades to come.

Respectfully,

Marc Yaxley, Thunder Mountain Wheelers ATV Club member