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Comments: I would like to see a real effort to assign volunteer persons and orgnizations to adopt trails on the GMUG. Trails are not being maintained properly lacking w/b', braiding etc. Our Lariat Saddle Club has cleared various trails for years without being volunteers. Sign people and organizations up officially to maintain trails. Blue Lakes trail is an example of one of great interest to hikers so sign them up! You could have a workshop to train people to make w/b's, close braided trails, use of cross cut saws in Wilderness etc. We horse/mule folks love Wilderness where motorized is not allowed. The Lariat Saddle Club endorses the addition of Baldy and Bear Ck. watershed's for Wilderness additions to the Uncompangre Wilderness and Bear Ck. as eligible for Wild and Scenic River status. The Lariat Saddle Club would be open to adopting Tr. 230 and 230 the Failes Ck trail. Signs are gone at the junction of 230 and Failes Ck. and should have priority to be replaced! We are aware of the budget problems the FS has so you have to be innovative and depend more on volunteers. My wife and I worked for 10 years in the Black Elk Wilderness mule packing for the trail crew and helping to maintain trails. Our Pack mule, Frances received and outstanding achievement award from the District! Two of us in the Lariat Saddle Club are Forest retirees. Tom