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Comments: To Whom It May Concern;

I retired to Grand Junction because I wanted to enjoy full recreational access to the surrounding GMUG areas. I enjoy hiking, cross country skiing, OHV riding, and camping.

OHV access allows older and mobility impaired citizens to continue enjoying the outdoors. My 86 year old mother in law lives with me. She grew up in Silverton hiking and biking the old mining roads. As she aged, she became largely home bound. Since she moved in with me, I have been taking her for rides in my side by side. I wish you could see the joy on her face to be able to enjoy the outdoors.

I support Alternative C because it is the most flexible plan that allows the public to enjoy public lands.

I encourage you to modify alternative C to protect motorized access to the Continental Divide Trail and surrounding areas. I have hiked, horseback ridden, snowmobiled and ridden motorcycles on different parts of the CDT. This access should be protected.

I'm also aware that many primitive and semi-primitive non motorized areas currently contain well established motorized routes. These existing routes need to be protected. If you attempt to close them, there will be an increase in "social trails" and illegal access that will cause more harm and destruction than keeping existing routes closed. I saw this first hand when I lived in Grand County near Winter Park. Well established pre-existing trails were unexpectedly closed. The ensuing damage from illegal use was significant.

I would like to see consistency between Wildlife Management Area trail densities and best available science that are based on wildlife population counts published by CPW. The best way to protect our beautiful wildlife should use established scientific counts.

I look forward to many more years of multi use, motorized and nonmotorized recreational enjoyment in GMUG!