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Comments: I support the comments and actions taken by the Crested Butte Mountain Biking Association (CBMBA) and Gunnison Public Lands Initiative (GPLI) to maintain, protect, and expand usage where applicable, since both organizations are locally managed and have expertise in this geographic region. Local knowledge of remote areas is a critical factor when creating large scale plans.

Additionally, I would ask that the Forest Plans take a much harder look at expanding use of electric bicycles and consider them as non-motorized, allowing them on all trails that are designated for bicycles or motorized vehicles. eBikes aren't going anywhere, and they will greatly expand the number of potential users over the next 20 years, especially those that would otherwise be unable to ride traditional bikes due to injury, age, fitness, etc. They also greatly expand the range and carrying capacity for long rides that would otherwise be taken in a motorized vehicle. They help reduce parking lot congestion and have very minimal impact to the trails compared to those of other uses such as horses and motorized vehicles. The forest plans should be future focused and solve problems long before they become unmanageable, or become a conflict between users.

Thanks