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Comments: I am a more than part time resident of Mt Crested Butte and an avid mtn biker, hiker, back country skier, paddler and general lover of the Gunnison Natl Forest.

I support wholeheartedly the GPLI and the efforts of CBMBA to bring all stake holders together for developing a final plan.

Of primary importance, I support wholeheartedly efforts to create and maintain a progressive trail system, with stacked and looped trails, and in some instances directional trails, for both bikers and hikers. It is paramount to create and reroute trails to bypass private property and heavily traveled roads; at the same time preserving the challenged ecosystem of the national forest. CBMBA and the CBCC have been visionary and the primary organization to develop and maintain the trails system. In particular, I support the 4 specific areas for modifying and enhancing the stacked/looped/linked trail system. Snodgrass in particular would link the Gothic and WA Gulch drainages, bypassing the heavily travelled paved roads and Allen Ranch private property.

CBMBA has been excellent stewards of the land and their donated funds, and they have done the hard work of trail building and maintenance. Their job would be significantly improved with the ability to utilize motorized devices to create and maintain trails in both summer and winter.

I support CBMBAs comments on e-bikes. They are a reality. Ranger McCombs has acknowledged e-bikes are going to use trails whether they're allowed or not.

I support CBMBAs comments on day use, recreation, and camping areas. Living in the WA Gulch area, I observe first hand the impact irresponsible and unregulated camping has had on the environment. Lack of parking, bathrooms and signage is evident and stressing the ecosystem. I hiked in the Olympic National Forest this past summer and appreciated the requirements for parking permits at the trailheads. I strongly favor National Forest Recreation Passes to park vehicles at heavily used trailheads, ie. Judd Falls, Oh Be Joyful. It would limit traffic and provide a revenue source.

In summary, I support 100% the GPLI and CBMBAs comments regarding the GMUG Forest Plan. The Gunnison NF around Crested Butte area needs help. Ranger McCombs has been accessible, understanding and professional. He has to work with all stakeholders involved, and has been an advocate and collaborator with CBMBA. Please adopt CBMBAs comments and proposals, as it will improve, sustain and protect the Gunnison NF.