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Comments: To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the possible closure of public lands to motorized users. I myself live in Crested Butte and Eagle before this. I have always felt lucky to live close to my public lands and have always enjoyed accessing this land using a variety of methods: foot, mountain bike, skis, truck, and snowmobile. I have taught my daughter how to use this land following Leave No Trace and Stay the Trail protocols. I also made this education essential to many lesson plans when I was a public school teacher for 20 years. Unfortunately, not all users of our public lands follow these same protocols, but these errors are definitely not isolated to a specific type of user. Every type of user has some bad apples, and to exclude a single type of user is simply wrong and discriminatory. If people want to recreate on public lands where they don't want to cross paths with other types of users, simply seek out those areas where restrictions already apply. To eliminate access for a specific user group only puts excessive pressure on the resources of the fewer remaining areas. This always causes more harm than good. I respectfully encourage those with the authority to allow access for all user groups under the current guidelines rather than reducing access to appease a small, vocal group. I am thankful to live in a community where public lands are respected and protected for all. Thanks you for your time.

-Mark Cavaliero

Crested Butte