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Comments: Dear Forest Service Representatives,

I write to you because I am an avid mountain biker and I see the need to inform you on trail usage by myself and many of my friends. Apparently proposed trails by CBMBA have been "removed from consideration". This is a grave error, CBMBA does excellent work and a lot of research before proposing trails. The research involves many parties, such as local land owners, environmental groups and other stake holders. The proposals presented by CBMBA are well thought through and represent without any doubt exactly what the mountain bike community in Gunnison County requires to continue being a vibrant asset to the local economy. Mountain biking is one of the main economic drivers for Crested Butte in the summer. Mountain biking started here in Crested Butte. It is hard to see that the Forest Service would not consider exactly those improvements that will make a huge difference to proper use of our trails. We enjoy having the USFS come out to our trail days and appreciate your help. Can you help us out further and put the "removed from consideration" items back on the agenda please? They were submitted because they have merit, they were researched and a lot of time has been put into them to polish them to be the ideal improvements for the mountain biking community. They are not just random requests.

A clear and open process should continue to be followed where we can input our concerns to further improve the back country experience. Speaking of which, the overall addition of signs is a positive. They are well done and clearly state what visitors need to know. However, there is one sign that is placed right in the middle of the uptrack for Strand, right where we are - away from it all - and then we see right in our faces a huge 4x4 ft sign telling us how to poop in the back country. Errr guys, that is a very crappy location for that sign. Can we please move it down to the road where there are other signs already? It really takes away from the backcountry experience and there are not many people there causing a huge poop problem.

Specifically, the lake Irwin road parallel trail is huge to keep us off the road which is getting super busy. I nearly had an accident there last summer as two cars were speeding by and passing and I was getting squeezed off the road. It's unsafe to ride the road to Irwin.

Cement Creek area is another area I frequent regularly, there is a trail that could use an extension and it would be used by myself and my riding friends. The Upper Cement trail to Crystal is a key extension and I hear you removed it from consideration as well. That is too bad, it would be a great asset in the trail system. I am glad though to see the Cement to Caves trail being proposed. Thanks!

Doctor Park has a nasty wet through the trees with slippery roots section. That section is the just strange and there is a perfectly good re-route for it a bit higher. CBMBA has that planned and would we would love to get authorization to put it in. It's a no brainer, why ride the nasty wet roots while there is a good spot nearby? We could close the wet spots and let it re-vegetate. It would do so quickly with all that water there.

An area that is right behind my house is the Upper Upper to Brush Creek, I ride that trail multiple times per month and the proposed NVTP alignment is poorly designed, it is not MTB friendly, please reconsider the CBMBA alignment which is a properly designed MTB trail that I will actually use.

Strand Bonus and the Budd connection are also near by house and those two are a superb and valuable trail addition that adds to the overall riding experience.

A big thank you to the Forest Service for all your help with the management of our forests. We hope we can re-

include some of the trails that CBMBA designed for the betterment and more efficient management of our trail system.

Respectfully,

Wouter van Tiel