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Comments: I would like to echo the sentiments expressed by many organizations in response to the USFS' proposed adjustments to the NVTP (as reported by the Crested Butte News, 3/11/22).

"Given the extensive planning and stakeholder engagement in developing these proposals ... we were surprised to see the USFS release a proposal that substantially deviates from that public feedback in ways that are not transparent." - RMBL executive director Ian Billick.

"We hope to see ... comprehensive community engagement efforts over the past 8+ years (are) reasonably considered." - Town of Crested Butte.

The Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association notes how extensively this plan was vetted, modified and revised to the point of being endorsed by the county's Sustainable Tourism and Outdoor Recreation committee. What's the point of having such a diverse group of stakeholders if their input is seemingly substantially ignored?

Maintaining public trust in the public process of managing public lands is paramount. It appears the USFS' handling thus far of this proposal is a detrimental to this ideal. I hope that your decision-making will be reconsidered or, at least, better explained.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I certainly appreciate the extremely difficult nature of your work.