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While I'm overall grateful for the good work I see the USFS doing in Gunnison County, I must express my disappointment in how the NVTP has been handled by the IDT. STOR and CBMBA worked very hard to include all stakeholders in creating the NVTP, including inviting the forest service to participate. I believe that STOR created a good plan that balanced the needs of all the stakeholders involved, even organizations that are traditionally opposed to new trails signed off on it. Removing trails from consideration after that process at best shows a lack of respect to all of the good people and organizations that participated in it and at worst appears to be a waste of private and government resources.

My comments on the specific trails are as follows:

\*Lake Irwin Road Parallel Trail - The existing Wagon trail is neither sustainable or beginner.

\*Upper Upper to Brush Creek Trailhead - Please reinstate the original path proposed for this trail. I don't believe that moving it a marginal distance closer to the road will help any wildlife or grazing impacts and it will negatively affect RMBL's research sites in the area. In fact, I think moving the trail closer to the road may actually encourage cattle grazing closer to the road since the cows will use the trails as well. Cattle also don't seem to want to move much for bike traffic, I've frequently had to gently encourage them to leave the trail so I could get past.

\*Deer Creek to Tent City - This trail would be a great addition to the current trail network. Contrary to the IDT's findings, I have always encountered traffic when biking from the Y to the trailhead. I believe that STOR properly addressed the wetlands and grazing concerns and created a path with minimal impact. Again, I think a trail going towards the stock ponds will only encourage the cattle to go there.

\*Cement Creek Trail: Upper Cement Creek to Crystal - I do not support this trail being removed from consideration, but I have nothing to add over what CBMBA has already covered in their comments so I'll just refer back to those.

\*Dr. Park Reroute - As a destination trail for the valley, this trail needs to be routed in such a way it can stand up to the increased traffic it will no doubt see. If the trail is getting muddy and pitted during the drought conditions we've experienced the last couple years I can only imagine what its condition will be when we have an inevitable wet year. I encourage the IDT to work with STOR to find a way to meet the needs of everyone involved.