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Comments: RE: North Valley Trails Plan

I am a resident and business owner in Crested Butte and a avid user of the diverse natural environment of the Gunnison Valley and the Gunnison National Forest including trails, rivers and streams as well as wilderness. I am disappointed that two extremely popular trails, Snodgrass and the Eccher Gulch were dropped from the plan with no apparent public comment. Transparency is essential to our democratic process. Certainly historical perspective should matter but the vast majority of our present users are recreational. Snodgrass is on public land and the public deserves access to it. This has been thoroughly vetted by CBMBA, STOR and others deeply invested in the sustainable use of our public lands.

1-The Irwin Road Trail as proposed by CBMBA is much needed to enable cyclists and hikers to leave their cars at a lower parking area and avoid the dangers and toxic dust of using the road on a fairly direct beginners access.

2-Upper Upper to Brush Creek: The proposed alignment will do little to eliminate road proximity issues, ignores wetland damage and will not enhance the rider experience.

3-I support Strand Bonus to 409!

4-I support Budd Connection (Ambush to Tent City)!

5-I support the Deer Creek to Tent City Trail although disappointed that the single track would not continue all the way. There are often conflicts on the road with off-road vehicles.

6-I support the Teocali Extension!

7-I support the Reno Divide Parallel Trail!

8-Cement Creek Trail (Upper Cement to Crystal). I request that this be placed back into consideration. The conflict between motorized users and cyclists is increasing in the area and the potential for injury coupled with the toxic mix of exhaust and dust is a disaster in the making.

9-I support Cement Creek Trail(Lower Cement to Caves)!

10-I support the Bear Creek Reroute!

11-I support the Dr. Park Reroute as proposed by CBMBA

I support Day Use Areas and Trailhead improvements. We cannot ignore the increasing numbers of recreational users. Properly maintained restrooms, trash facilities and designated parking will enhance the user experience. Not providing these necessary facilities is turning a blind eye to the public and we all lose.

Thank you. I look forward to participating in an open, honest and productive public discussion.

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