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As a resident of the North Valley and a regular trail user, I would like to comment on the north valley trail plan that is currently under consideration. For background, I am a seasonal backcountry ranger in Capitol Reef National Park, I sit on the board of directors for the Grand Staircase-Escalante national Monument partners organization, and I work with a number of other nonprofits focused on outdoor recreation and public lands conservation.

I chose to make the north valley my home because of the unique and varied recreation opportunities, and the exemplary cooperation between public land managers, ranchers and the outdoor recreation community. I believe our valley is a model for the rest of the country in planning and working together to preserve our public lands and make them accessible to varied user groups. I believe that CBMBA has been the clear leader in this cooperative environment, and I appreciate their dedication to finding the best solutions as our valley continues to grow and change.

I am disappointed to see that the upper cement creek to Crystal Peak Trail proposal has been removed from the plan as I believe this project would fit in nicely with the long-term goal of getting riders off of our motorized roadways, and would add some much needed beginner level to to the cement creek portfolio of trails. Please reconsider this project.

The upper upper to Brush Creek trail proposal seems to be a no brainer in the in my opinion. It appears that CBMBA and the local riding community has been extremely willing to be flexible and consider the needs and concerns of the very limited opposition, yet the forest service has previously sided with a single user rather than considering the much larger varied user group that would benefit from this project. I have great faith in CBMBA and the volunteers that would complete this project to uphold the highest environmental standards and consideration for this fragile environment, and I believe that the residents and visitors to the north valley wood benefit greatly by completing this route and creating safe passage for the ever increasing number of riders connecting these trails.

Rerouting both Dr. Park and Bear Creek to avoid continual muddy segments would be a huge improvement, and would benefit everyone. I am confused about any opposition to these projects. Please reconsider both of these.

Lastly, I support all of the projects that have been greenlighted. It is exciting to see the improvements and thank you for your part in helping us continue to make this valley such a special place for so many people. I believe it is essential that we continue to work together and find solutions that benefit the highest number of residents and visitors as opposed to small groups that may oppose change. Thank you for considering the comments of both our local residents and frequent visitors. In closing, I would like to reiterate my support for all of CBMBA's positions on the North Valley Trails plan.

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