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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the IDT & GDR's assessment/ refinement of CBMBA's North Valley Trails, aka short term trail plan 'Riders off the Road'. Now in my 6th year as a full time resident of CB South, a local business owner, and outdoor enthusiast I hold our public lands and specifically our trail network in the highest regard. As I know the other stewards of our lands do as well; you all at the Gunnison Ranger District, CBMBA-CBCC, and the 20 other member organizations of STOR. It is our bread and butter and therefore the purpose behind STOR being created. A centralized voice. A coalition representing all stakeholders in the area, who have thoroughly vetted this plan and approved it. After reading the IDT analysis and feedback I am a bit mystified as to why the two trail proposals have been 'removed from further consideration', and question some of the other modifications being proposed as well. I'll be frank it feels like our democracy and the very future of our public being engaged in a transparent process is at stake here, and specifically calls out STOR's validity.

Nonetheless I am appreciative of the effort to review, and I support all of the already accepted components of the NVT plan.

My specific objections are as follows;

Regarding Irwin Rd. Parallel & Wagon Trails and the proposed modifications - the trail is disjointed and not beginner friendly. We need more beginner level trails and riders deserve to be further off the road away from dust. I support CBMBA's original proposal for alignment, please reconsider.

Regarding the northern section to/from the Deer Creek singletrack and the suggested modification to eliminate extending the trail off the road. That road is 6" deep in moon dust by early June, and getting worse every year. It may be a dead-end road but I would argue that getting off of it at any point would enhance the user experience. I would like to see this reconsidered. We can ride in relatively close proximity to cows, let's work together on this! Upper Cement to Crystal. Please Reconsider. This one is close to my heart and I think any rider would agree that it would be amazing to not have to return to the road between these trails. User experience would go from 4 to 5 stars, no doubt. With all the increased traffic in the Cement Creek drainage from OHV's & dirt bikes, et. - even at the far end it would be a huge benefit to get off the road completely. These vehicles are almost always traveling at unsafe (fast) speeds when encountering other slower users (bikes in particular). Down valley it is scary at times, so I am excited about the LCC to Caves approval.

Dr. Park Reroute. I do not understand the objection and why this was 'removed from further consideration'. This trail is one of the most popular trails in the area and is increasingly so every year. The entry to Dr.'s Park at the top is always wet and in horrible condition and frankly I do not see the point in the 'Bonus' trail. If it could be rerouted/ improved then the other users & permittees could use it as access as well?

Thanks for listening,

Wes Bellamy