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Comments: To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Jason Smith and I am a long time Crested Butte-Gunnison Valley visitor and have enjoyed utilizing the broad and magnificent trail systems in the area for 25+ years. I have seen so much growth in the use of the outdoors in the areas as so many have commented as well and would encourage the US Forest Service to address and approve the proposals that have already been submitted by the CBMA and STOR organizations/groups. Adding in additional new trails and new trailhead parking across the Gunnison valley are so vital for the region. I know that it's just a band-aid that we are potentially putting on the situation but it's an important step in maintaining the feasibility and safety of these trails for future and existing users. I've biked on Brush Creek area numerous times over the years along with just recently enjoying the Walrod Trailhead and it's in serious need of expansion and improvements for parking areas. Investing in the trail systems in the Gunnison Valley will have significant and broader positive economic impacts on the tax paying citizens in the valley. These beautiful Public Lands we have been blessed with are for all to enjoy in the community and it's not the few special interest groups to sully this proposal. Thank you for taking the time for public comment and for allowing the forum for me to express my concerns. Respectfully, Jason Smith