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Comments: I am a fifth generation of Crested Butte. I have ridden and hiked practically every trail and mountain top around here. I can remember when Peanut and Nicholson Lakes were the back country. In addition to this, I worked for the forrest service from 1990 to 1992 as volunteer wilderness ranger cleaning outfitter camps, hauling trash, etc. The influx of people and various recreational users have impacted the former pristine backcountry to the point of ruining it. It's hard to ride a horse anywhere now because there is overcrowding and trailer parking is nonexistent. Trails are V or U shaped because of bike and motorbike overuse. Hikers and horse riders are forced to travel alongside these trails for better footing causing braided trails and erosion. Why not use existing roadways instead of building new trails and causing more erosion and tearing up more ground for the sake of convenience? Don't you think we have enough trails that aren't properly maintained as it is? Do you have a plan for fixing these existing issues without playing favoritism to specific recreational groups so that everyone can enjoy their outdoor experience on well maintained trails and roadways?