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Comments: I am in support of the proposed NVTP. CBMBA has put forth a massive amount of time and research to get to the point of having STOR approval for the project. Many of the originally requested trails have been cut from the project over the past 4 years. What is left are very basic asks and a majority of the proposed trials are parallel to roads or low impact. I continue to be baffled how the complaints of one or two individuals outweigh the masses when it comes to our public lands. I would request that the USFS rethink it's dismissal of the Snodgrass Public Trail and Eccher/Granite Basin Trail without having first received public comments on those proposals. Input from the public may allow the USFS to redefine what is believed to be out of scope within the Purpose and Need. Snodgrass is a highly used and appreciated trail for hikers and bikers alike. The fact that the public is denied access for a greater part of the season is disappointing. The CBMBA proposal would allow for broader access and enhanced user experience. Eccher is a known system trail and the proposal by CBMBA is only asking to improve the alignment and make for a more sustainable trail. I can only wonder if it takes this much effort to implement basic connections of trails what painful process will be required when CBMBA asks for a project that is more challenging and not such low hanging fruit.