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Comments: I am commenting on the proposed Junction Creek Riparian Corridor and Trail, Logchutes, and Falls Creek/Hidden Valley JFIRM Project.

The proposed rehabilitation and new construction of Log Chutes downhill mountain bike trails will help meet our community's demand for this valuable, purpose-specific recreation -while reducing the potential impacts on other resources in other parts of the district.

Allowing pedal-assist eMTBs on the existing Log Chutes trails 1, 11, and 111 will likely decrease the amount of vehicle road traffic from shuttles. The MTB-specific quality and remoteness of these trails makes them relatively ideal for ebikes.

To preserve the natural and aesthetic integrity of the district, please ensure there is a substantial vegetation barrier between fuels projects and the trails utilized by various user-groups.

Winter grooming of the Junction Creek Road and Campground areas will provide unique, scenic recreation opportunities that our community simply doesn't have during that season. To best facilitate grooming and enhance the winter recreation experience, please do not allow parking on Junction Creek Road and keep winter car access confined to below the gate.

The connector trail from CR 203, Falls Creek up to Junction Creek Road as proposed by Durango Trails would create a fabulous recreational opportunity AND provide a fire line/access in the event of another wildfire like the one Falls Creek experienced just recently. A connector trail from Durango Estates to Log Chutes would also be a great asset.

Thank you for your time.