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Comments: I would like to comment on the proposed Junction Creek Riparian Corridor and Trail, Logchutes, and Falls Creek/Hidden Valley JFIRM Project.

Please allow for the specific Log Chutes downhill mountain bike trails both to rehab on-the-ground trails and to build 3 to 4 new trails utilizing 400 feet of center line of some of the proposed downhill trails. Machine built downhill specific trails would be a great asset to our community. We have a lot of great XC trails but desperately lack more progressive down hill trails and terrain. Having specific down hill designated trails would help to limit hiker/cyclist altercations on downhills and allow our athletes an area near town to progress. Many younger riders prefer going downhill to climbing up. This would allow them an area to go.

Please allow for Category 1 pedal assist eMTBs to be allowed on the existing Log Chutes 1, 11,111 and WestView mountain bike trails. Many areas around the world allow eMTBs on trails. I won't reiterate the positive impacts we have heard already. With Durango being such a high elevation compared to the majority of the world eMTBs can help tourists and our older population alike access our outdoors.

Please consider a significant vegetation barrier while undertaking the fuels project so the feel of twisty singletrack remains while still undertaking the important thinning project. If the entire trail area is clear cut, the feeling of singletrack will be lost and will lead to trail cutting and braiding.

Please allow for a connector from CR 203, Falls Creek up to Junction Creek Road to the Colorado Trail as proposed by Durango Trails. This is an on-the-ground old alignment that would create great connectivity for mountain bikers and hikers, as well as a fire line access.

A connector trail from Durango Estates to Log Chutes would be a great addition.

6) We support grooming Junction Creek Road and the Junction Creek campground as proposed by Durango Trails in 2016 for fat biking and cross-country skiing. Please do not allow cars to drive past the gate and park on the road, especially if resources are going to be used to groom the road. Having more groomed access close to town will cut down on the need to drive further out of town to access this type of terrain in the winter when weather and roads can be poor. It will also provide Durango with even more activities for our tourists and residents right in town.