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Comments: Hello,

My name is Riley Amos and I am a 20 year old local resident of Durango. I live 2.5 miles from the bottom parking lot of the Colorado Trail, right at the start of the Falls Creek Valley, and I am a very frequent user of this area. I am born and raised here, and because of the incredible community and trails we have, I am lucky enough to call riding and racing mountain bikes at a professional level my job.

Since I was a little kid riding with my dad, I have seen the Junction Creek/Logshutes/Falls Creek area change a lot. I have done countless days training all the way up Junction Creek road and back to town on the Colorado Trail, explored every trail in the Logshutes system, and almost weekly use the Falls Creek trails with my family. Areas like this are just one of the many reasons why every Olympic Mountain bike race to date has had a rider from Durango. Over the years, the use of these areas has increased by a lot as our community as a whole does, whether we like it or not. Because of this, many of the proposed ideas on this project are long overdue to continue serving the community high quality recreation.

I personally have sat on our deck with my family and watched the 416 fire burn across the tops of trees at the end of the valley in the Falls Creek neighborhood. Proper fire mitigation of all 3 of these areas is very much needed. Mountain bikers like me have ridden the legal Logshutes trail as practice for Downhill Racing, which is vital for people like Fort Lewis College Cycling team (The best collegiate cycling team in the United States). It is one of the only trails suitable for this kind of riding in the area, and it is very long overdue for some rehab. Please consider building 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. Both parking lots for the Colorado trail are constantly overflowing cars onto the road creating a mess and a safety issue. These need to be improved to accommodate the volume these trail heads are seeing now.

I hope you will consider at least some of the proposed project actions to better our community and continue our legacy of mountain bikers. Thank you for your time.