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Comments: I am stressing my strong support for making no reductions in the motorized singletrack access for the San Juan National Forest around Mancos.

I see on this proposal that Chicken Creek, Morrison Trail, Box Canyon, and Coyote Park labeled as non-motorized. These are truly exceptional trails for dirt biking, are almost entirely sustainably built, and present little user conflicts.

I've ridden these trails extensively for years and almost never encounter anyone out there other than fellow dirt bikers. And that's rare.

As a resident of Durango and the four corners I cherish these trails. They represent some of the only moderate mountainous single track dirt biking available. Taking away these precious single track trails would be a huge blow to our user group.

The San Juans are already overwhelmingly closed to dirt bike access. As I hiker, despite 20 years, I've only hiked a fraction of the trails available. If I truly want solitude I head into the Weminuche, the largest wilderness in the lower 48, which is just a short drive away.

If I want to ride moderate mountainous singletrack I have very few options, and taking away these trails would leave me almost none. The majority of the trails in the Rico and Hesperus zone require some black diamond or harder riding to make into rideable loops.

If we're going to change access, I'd ask that we EXPAND the list of single track trails available to motorized use in the greater Mancos area.

Best,

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ps. I also oppose widening 11 miles of 50" double track to 62". With the explosion of side by sides this seems completely unnecessary.