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Comments: I support the addition of a parking lot on county road 41 (Chicken Creek Road) as described in the proposal. As an almost daily recreational user of this area winter and summer I see the persistent need for this parking facility. User days in this area has steadily increased and I have witnessed resource damage due to social routes and dispersed parking. Winter access to this parking area would require Montezuma County to cooperate in plowing to the lot, and the construction and use of the lot would create a clearer motivation and benefit from the county's perspective.

I do not support the widening of ATV trails to 63". I'm sure there is considerable industry and public pressure for this change, as wider "side-by-side" machines are common place in our county. I frequently utilize the Aspen Loop trail system for mountain biking and the majority of that trail system provides inadequate opportunities for these large machines to pass each other if encountered on the trail. The majority of this system is also too narrow to allow a 63" vehicle to pass a non-motorized user or equestrian without forcing them to surrender the trail tread entirely. This creates a situation where a vehicle operator becomes a dominate user that requires all other users experiences to be interrupted and impacted. Even motorized users such as motorcycles and ATV's would have to leave the trail to pass a large vehicle and that would cause resource damage and safety issues. Lastly, many SUV and other automobiles, such as jeeps, would meet this width requirement as well, and there seems to be no policy that would designate what constitutes as a permitted vehicle. This rule change seems to be completely blur the lines of what is a road, and what is a trail.

Per the construction of a permanent pit toilet at the equestrian camping facility adjacent to Transfer Campground. While there may be adequate data collection of user days in this facility to justify this proposed action, as a frequent visitor to this area it seems arbitrary. This trailhead/camping facility seems no busier than a host of other popular collection points for parking and trail access in the area. The Aspen Loop trailhead often has more user traffic. Doc Lowell flats sees many times more overnight stays than the equestrian facility. The trailhead facility on County Road 40 in my 24 years of recreational experience, is far more pressured with a great deal more turn-over of users throughout the day. In addition, the Equine facility has ready access to the restroom located within the Transfer campground just across the road.