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Comments: I have personally seen a dramatic increase in trail system use in Sw Colorado over the last 15 yrs. Mostly notably bye bikes and motorized off road vehicles. I have spent a lot of times in the woods chasing Elk with a bow in the last 15 yrs sometimes as much as 20 plus days in one hunting season. I will tell you that in the last 5 yrs or so i have noticed a major change in the herds summer behaviors and there fall behaviors. The herds use to casually graze above timberline in the sames areas for days at a time without ranging that far, now they are constantly moving to get away from bikers wizzing bye in huge groups and then go the other way cause there are 6 backpackers. All that extra moving around on young calves cant be good for recruitment. In the fall the bugling isnt the same, the herds are way more spread out and dispersed. This has got to make them more vulnerable to predators. We need to have wildlife around in 50 yrs for my grankids to get to experience the bugles in september as I have, not more bike trails and OHV trails. You cant even camp in the wilderness and get away from the sound of those dang things. Whats wrong with jeeps, atleast they arent super noisy. I hope this comment helps, I know im not the only one out there who feels this way.