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Comments: There are still SO many unanswered questions, and just as many conflicting answers from the officials who are driving this project.

Why did you not publicly let the community know that the date of commenting has been extended to 3/6?? There should absolutely be a notice to let all of Archuleta County know they are able to still post comments/objections. Were you frustrated with SO many comments that are NOT in favor of this project?

Why did you decide to do the one public forum in a very small room, set up like a poorly orchestrated trade show, making it virtually impossible to actually get true information or answers to our questions? I also felt like it was unwise putting SO many folks in that small room together in the middle of the winter season where SO many viruses abound. I personally didn't feel safe.

It seems as though you purposely had the format done this way because you did NOT want to have your answers put on record. I feel like you mostly ended up with a result of confused and/or unsatisfied members of this county, feeling like their questions were not answered, or they received many conflicting answers.

Why has an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) not been prepared for this project by those who are charged with protecting our forest and all of it's inhabitants, as well as the human population?

I am requesting that the NFS and/or the County prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on the Jackson Mountain biking and gravel pit project.

If either organization is not willing to provide an EIS please explain why to all of the community in a TRUE open public forum, where a representative from each entity is present, and open to answering our questions. This type of forum would allow all of us to actually hear your responses to our questions. Perhaps you are able to use the gym at the community center, provide adequate seating, using a raised table where representatives would sit facing the public, and we are allowed to openly ask questions using a microphone.

It is time to halt the wheels of motion on this project, unless you are willing to open and transparent and fully explore other sites before continuing.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to share my opinion.