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Comments: I would like to endorse all of the thoughtful recommendations by CBMBA related to the North Valley Trail Plan's Draft EA.

1. Lake Irwin Road Parallel Trail. Option 2 offers the best solution to optimizing the trail experience and respect the natural surroundings where now the system is a bit fragmented and confusing. Option 2 has the potential to offer a far superior access directly from the Y where most people start looking for a trail.
2. UU to Brush Ck TH. Option 1 will provide best solution to respect riparian terrain and grazing and help to minimize the haphazard social trails. Seasonal closure to further protect grazing is a smart part of this option.
3. Strand Bonus to 409. Option 1 is preferred and consistent with an overall goal of connecting trails and avoiding the dangers of bikes on roads.
4. Budd Connection. Option 1 works best especially with proposed new signage educating users about research sites and negatives of social trails.
5. Deer Ck to Tent City. Option 2 works best with the proposed lower trail section to mitigate issues in this busy drainage system.
6. Teocalli Extension. Option 2 can include an existing user trail and will improve safety concerns with ever growing motorized use in the area.
7. Reno Divide Parallel Tr. Option 1 offers a much needed alternative to the current situation where motorized (of many forms) and non-motorized users are in unavoidably close proximity on the road as each group accesses some of their most popular terrain in the upper valley. It is only a matter of time before a serious accident occurs along the road and Option 1 can avoid such.
8. Upper Cement Ck Tr to Crystal Pk Tr. Option 1 has long been a priority as this magnificent upper valley is increasingly popular with many forms of fast motorized vehicles and mountain bikers. The option 1 trail will significantly enhance the outdoor experience for bikers and will also be a haven for hikers who currently have no option in this section as the road is too dangerous and dusty to hike on. This final section of trail will then offer an unparalleled trail along nearly the entire CC valley. Having owned a cabin in the valley I am excited to share the majesty of the upper valley with others in a safe trail system off the busy road. We can avoid the last mile of riparian terrain by ending the new trail a mile south of the Crystal Pk TH. As an aging but active mtn biker, I cherish more intermediate trail miles in a spectacular setting that Option 1 provides.
9. Cement Ck Tr- L. CC Tr to Caves. Option 1 makes sense.
10. Bear Ck Reroute. Option 2 avoids the road which is always beneficial.
11. Dr Park Reroute. Option 1 will enhance the protection of wildlife and improve livestock management. Option 2 not to mention net fewer miles of trails in this popular area.

Day Use Areas. Option 1 will strive to catch up and keep up with the basic critical needs (restrooms, information/map kiosks, parking etc.) at these most popular trailheads.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments and all the great work the Gunnison Ranger District team continues to do in working with stakeholders like CBMBA and our members to make the upper valley one of the best designed, maintained and sustainable trail systems in the state.