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Comments: Thanks for your efforts on this project. I would like to offer my support to the NVTP and offer general support to CBMBA's specific recommendations. I believe that CBMBA has worked incredible hard over many years to develop consensus around this proposal by collaborating with many different groups. From environment groups like HCCA to motorized groups like the GOATS there is broad support for this project and CBMBA's recommendations for option choices. The proposal is supported by STOR, has very limited opposition and is thoughtful and responsible. In the public comment period there was overwhelming support for this project and I hope those comments are strongly considered. I have lived in the Gunnison Valley for 30 years and I believe the current condition of our mountain biking trails have never been better due to the efforts of CBBMA, the USFS and other non-profits. I therefore believe we have the capacity to incorporate these trails and continue to manage the existing inventory.

As far as individual trail comments go I have a few comments.

#### Upper Cement - Crystal

I am still curious why option 2 still considers this trail as not matching the NEED for the Proposal. Of all the trails proposed this one may BEST fit the NEED for Proposal. One of the overriding, overwhelming themes from the public comment period was widespread support for this trail. The public seems to widely disagree with the assessment that this trail is not needed.

The proposed trail "increases variety and diversity". Currently of the hundreds of miles of trails in the Gunnison National Forest there are only a few that would be considered "green" beginner trails. The only ones I can think of are Wagon Trail, Lower Cement, Upper Cement, Tony's and a few on the ski area. So of hundreds of miles of trail maybe 15-20 miles could be considered green trails. Due to the popularity of the Upper Cement Creek Trail and the limited future opportunity for building valley floor, beginner trails it would be a shame to not take advantage of this opportunity.

The trail also "connects existing trails" Upper Cement - Crystal

The Trail also moves users of busy roads and onto trails. This is real opportunity to be proactive and look to the future. Our community is often reactive to issues and this is an opportunity to get out in front of the issue and be proactive. While it is not always busy on this section of road it has been getting progressively busier every year. As technology improves and the prevalence of UTV's rise the road will only get busier, speeds will increase and conditions will become more dangerous over time. There was concern in 2008 when the USFS shut down the Fenceline Trail forcing users into the Cement Creek Canyon. Surely enough it was not long before there was a near fatal accident between a biker and a motorcyclist. We have been trying to get a CB - CB South Path for 20 years due to safety issues and it took a death on the road this fall to finally see some momentum. Let's be proactive this time and approve this widely supported trail.

Other than a few individuals there is virtually no opposition to this trail. There is no ranching concerns "There would be no effect on rangeland/livestock Page 50". There are also limited resource concerns "there are numerous substantial wetlands, but the proposed alignment generally avoids them. page 44." There were no major red flags in the hydrologist report "rankings would remain "poor" and "fair." page 73.

#### Wagon Trail and Doctor's Park

I consider both of these proposals to be very similar. As a recreational user I do not think my experience will be greatly changed by either option 1 or 2. However, given all of the available information, I think we should go with the choice that requires less maintenance, has less impact on wildlife and is better for ranchers. I love the Doctor's Park Bonus trail and would be sad to see it go but would be willing to lose this redundant trail to improve rangeland and wildlife habitat. I also think that we should consider the fact that we have limited resources we therefore should not continue to maintain unsustainable routes when there are better options available. It will not change my experience greatly by getting off the main trail out of the muddy area but it would greatly help minimize the need for future maintenance. We could therefore use our limited resources elsewhere instead of wasting public funds and energy to continue to "polish the turd."

Strand Bonus to 409

I believe this very short section of trail would greatly improve the "trail connectivity" identified as a need for proposal. The current draft of the Forest Plan indicates the USFS would like to see mountain biking trails built in interconnected stacked networks. Outside the ski area the Strand/Ferris region is the only place on the forest where we currently have the opportunity to follow the Forest Plan recommendation. Adding this trail would greatly improve connectivity.

I hope the decisions you make reflect the will of the public and honor the work done behind the scenes to find consensus through collaboration. Thanks for reading my comments.