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Comments: In regards to the plans to make significant portions of the GMUG non-motorized I must comment this would be a horrible idea. I've spent most of my life recreating in the high country of Colorado. Most recently I've ridden the Colorado Backcountry Discovery Route on my motorcycle as well as hiking the Continental Divide Trail for most of the sections which pass through GMUG. These areas consist of some of the most beautiful areas in Colorado, to restrict it to non-motorized traffic exclusively would significantly limit the number of people who would get to enjoy these amazing areas.

While traveling I always talked to people who had come from out of state or even out of the country who were astounded areas like this existed in Colorado. Invariably these people were traveling in a vehicle and not hiking/biking etc. I cannot express how disappointed I would be if these areas became non-motorized and recreation in this areas was limited. That doesn't even take into account the historical significance of many of the mines and other activities which you would not be able to access. There are already significant and well traveled roads, trails, and paths through these areas. Motorized traffic represents the majority of visitors in these areas, and access to non-motorized travelers is very limited. Please do not take away our opportunities to experience the high country of Colorado, if we do not encourage experiencing the natural beauty of our state what is the point of encouraging tourism?

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