



Action Alert!

The Tenderfoot Mountain Trail Proposal needs your support!

The Summit County Off Road Riders have created an amazing proposal with the Dillon Ranger District to develop a 21 mile multiple use single track trail system on Tenderfoot Mountain outside Dillon with parking. **SCORR now needs need your support and comments in favor of the Proposal by December 15, 2012.**

Issues.

1. This has been a contentious proposal and much of the opposition stems from a failure of those opposing the trails to accurately the planning area and the history of the area. Comments that do not accurately address the proposal area should be disregarded. The Proposal does not reopen the Oro Grande trail for motorized use.
2. Multiple usage planning standards for Federal lands find there is a critical need for a single track trail network in the Dillon Ranger District. **Hiking is available on 350 miles of trail in the Dillon District but motorized single track is currently limited to 6 miles.**
3. User conflicts would be minimal in the proposal area given the overwhelming opportunity provided in other areas of the Dillon District. Many motorized single track riders are forced to leave the area to obtain a single track trail experience.
4. Proposal area and specific trails were outside recently released White River Travel management plan.
5. Motorized access to public lands does not decrease adjacent private property values - many users see motorized access as a benefit for property adjacent to national forests.
6. Site specific research found that sound levels from proposal were not audible at ANY local residence. **Overwhelming source of noise at the residence was vehicles on I70 and US 6.**
7. Wildlife concerns are mitigated with seasonal closures of trails for 8 months of the year and avoidance of habitat areas.

8. Proposal improves water quality in the area by improving existing trails and decommissioning other routes. EPA research indicates the major concerns in the planning area overwhelmingly revolve around water runoff from I70. EPA identifies adjacent watershed contributions to water quality as small.

9. County planning ordinances are insufficient to alter multiple use standards on federal lands and are wholly inconsistent with Forest Service planning standards.

10. The Proposal includes extensive ongoing educational programs, enforcement programs and maintenance programs for the trail network to insure ongoing minimal impacts in the future for the area.

Upcoming Informational meeting.

An open house will be held at the Dillon Ranger Station from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on December 5, 2012. District staff will be on hand to answer questions about the proposal. There will be no formal presentation.

A complete version of the planning documents is available here.

http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=34502

Written Comments submitted via mail.

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