

Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association

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Colorado Roadless Area Review Task Force
The Keystone Center
1628 Sts. John Rd.
Keystone, CO 80435

Attn: Roadless Areas Review

Dear Task Force Members,

The Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association (CBMBA) has the below comments about the management of Forest Service Inventoried Roadless Areas.

CBMBA is the oldest mountain bike trail advocacy group in the world. We are responsible for the 800 plus mile trail system in Crested Butte area. CBMBA has over 120 members and is an affiliate of the International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA).

CBMBA is very interested preserving the presence of backcountry mountain bike trails, in the Roadless Areas, that bikers use and enjoy. Roadless areas contain single track trails that our organization wants to protect and maintain. The Crested Butte area was one of the first and is still one of the top mountain bike venues in the world and that popularity is directly related to the large number of single track trails. Continuation of the Roadless Rule will help protect these trails. The Roadless Rule offers protection to trails in the backcountry, but doesn't deny bike access. Another positive aspect of the Roadless Rule is the recreation management of roadless areas is in the hands of local ranger districts that are sensitive to local user input.

In the Crested Butte area there are several roadless areas that contain singletrack trails of interest to mountain bikers. A partial list includes trails: The Dyke, Raggeds and Green Lake trails in the Gunnison National Forest.

CBMBA supports the continuation of the Roadless Rule.

Signed,
The Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association

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