



You need to attend Grand Junction Field Office RMP public meetings to voice your opposition to closure of 60% of routes by Resource Plan!!!

These could be the only opportunity you are going to have to see large format travel maps addressing closures, which in some areas are far in excess of 60%. Stop by anytime between 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the following locations:

- January 29; Collbran Auditorium, 102 Main St., Collbran, CO,
- January 30; DeBeque Community Center, 381 Minter Ave., DeBeque, CO
- January 31; Clarion Inn, 755 Horizon Dr., Grand Junction, CO
- February 5; Gateway Community Center, 42700 Hwy 141, Gateway, CO
- February 7; Fruita Civic Center, 325 Aspen Ave, Fruita, CO

COHVCO Concerns

1. Plan is disorganized and overly complex. Attempt to mask the facial lack of analysis on many issues- there is simply no analysis of travel management issues in the Grand Junction area- the Travel Management appendix is copies of national BLM guidance rather than actual analysis.

2. It is very difficult to determine the Plan is closing 60% of motorized routes despite double motorized demand levels in comparison to non-motorized- plan anticipates this relationship will remain steady

- Difficult to leverage existing partnerships which already provide significant resources and volunteer hours

3. Tragically undervalues recreation. GJFO Plan says **all recreation** generate \$7.2 million in total spending 90 full-time equivalent jobs by 2029.

Comparative research for recreation

- **COHVCO**- motorized recreational provides over **141 million in spending** to the GJFO planning area and **214 jobs** directly related to motorized rec. every year as follows:
- **Colorado Parks and Wildlife** found hunting and fishing in Mesa and Garfield Counties resulted in **\$130,520,000 annually and accounts for 1392 jobs**
- **Paiute Trail** system in Utah provides over **38 Million** to local economies and directly created **150 jobs**
- **Hatfield & McCoy trail system** contributed over **10 million dollars** and **150 jobs** to communities adjacent to the trail system.

4. Closures do not fit anticipated usage - plan estimates motorized demand is and will remain twice that of non-motorized demand - does not make sense to close 60% of the motorized opportunity

5. Wilderness Study Areas - all are made non-motorized in violation of BLM planning requirements - motorized usage is a grandfathered usage on several WSAs and must be preserved. **Congress never designated them Wilderness**

6. Recommended Wilderness - analyzes an additional 30k acres to motorized -- simply no analysis of how they were found to be suitable for recommendation as areas immediately developed are highly developed such as state highway 141 - really will impact solitude opportunities

7. A lack of public access for hunting and fishing is identified as a management issue in the Grand Junction area by Colorado Parks and Wildlife - this is never addressed and blanket closures are adopted allegedly to benefit Wildlife

8. State Planning documents- State plans that must be addressed in federal planning acknowledging significant contributions of recreation are not acknowledged.

9. Law Enforcement concerns are not warranted- plan should target effective implementation- LEO pilot from FS/BLM/CPW finds only 1.5% of users are committing a resource related violation

10. User conflicts must be analyzed more - no discussion of basis for conflict- closures can increase conflict if the basis of the conflict is not properly understood

11. Closes lynx habitat areas to motorized recreation despite lynx standards permitting motorized access to these areas