

# CBMBA Fat Bike and Winter Grooming Proposal

Mission/Purpose: To promote and create a Fat Biking experience and winter recreation amenity that stands out as unique and unparalleled as the cycling and trail culture is during the summer season in the greater Crested Butte area.



We aim to show community wide support for recreational winter travel, of benefit to all users, to the US Forest Service. Why, because they need to hear from the community whether they want to see groomed trails on public lands/roads.

## Facts:

- You can already snowmobile these proposed areas, we can make it a better surface
- These areas have been identified as 'already compacted areas' by the FS
- Winter recreation is inherent to Crested Butte and is in line with our Brand
- Groomed trails provide a better user experience
- 'Test examples/Pilot Projects' have been employed. Al Smith has groomed Cement Creek with adequate signage and regularity, and it has proven to be of great value and experience to all users.
- These trails are proposed open to all users - dogs included (w/travel restrictions per FS designations on the ground)
- Biking is who we are! You can ride a bike on all surfaces, to the trailhead, and all seasons. Muscle powered recreation is a noble means of backcountry travel.
- Providing more Winter Recreation amenities enables more consistent visitors and length to the season
- More Winter Recreation amenities enable more business and labor opportunities
- Additional user days
- Better Trail experiences,
- Better/Positive shared user experiences
- Regular use, inconsistent snowfall, 'whoop dees', etc., make for a poor experience, we can provide a fresh surface regularly
- Grooming is a responsible means of Winter Trail Maintenance
- Winter grooming has no impact on the physical condition of the roads
- Adequate signage and education will be available at trailheads
- More recreation opportunities with variable conditions
- We put ourselves on the map with Fat Bike Worlds in 2016, this is ours to Champion, and this is ours to lose.
- We are a summer trail recreation destination, let's be a winter one
- Working together, we can all share our public lands in a responsible and respectful manner - adequate signage and education will help!

**Public Comment Period for this proposal is October 20 - November 18, 2016.**

The Forest Service welcomes your comments on potential issues or concerns. Comments will be accepted until November 18, 2016 and can be mailed to Gunnison Ranger District, Attn: Emily Peters, 216 N. Colorado St., Gunnison, CO 81230 or emailed to [CBMBAgroomingproposal@fs.fed.us](mailto:CBMBAgroomingproposal@fs.fed.us). You can also comment online at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/GroomingComments>.

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