



March 23, 2006

Uncompahgre Field Office
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RE: Center For Native Ecosystems, High Country Citizens' Alliance, Sierra Club Rocky Mountain Chapter, Quiet Use Coalition, Wildlands Center For Preventing Roads, And Southern Rockies Ecosystem Project (CNE) Petition To The Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area Office And Uncompahgre Field Office Of The Bureau Of Land Management To Close Certain Areas Of Mancos Shale (Adobe Hills) To Open Off-Road Vehicle Use And Place Necessary Restrictions In Other Areas Of Off-Road Vehicle Use, dated January 26, 2005

Manager Sharrow,

We are writing concerning the above referenced petition. We are requesting the agency deny the petition.

CNE has no legal basis to compel the agency to undertake resource management plan revision or promulgate special rules pursuant to agency regulations. *Norton v. Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance*, 542 U.S. 55, 64 (2004). Similarly, CNE has no legal basis to compel monitoring ("an evaluation of damage occurring"), an action strictly within the discretion of the agency. Furthermore, the current resource management plan provides sufficient monitoring direction for the agency.

We appreciate your attention to off-highway vehicle (OHV) management in Colorado and your hard work in demonstrating there are not, nor are there likely to be, any considerable adverse impacts upon resources by OHVs, contrary to the claims made within the CNE petition. Our organizations are committed to active and effective management of OHV recreation in Colorado and elsewhere, and we intend to participate in all management processes, agency decision-making, administrative appeals and litigation affecting OHV recreation to the full extent authorized by the law.

Would you be so kind as to send to us a copy of your petition response to CNE. Please send your CNE response to our contact, Carla Boucher, Attorney, United Four Wheel Drive Associations, P.O. Box 15696, Chesapeake, VA 23328. Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

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