



Taos Mountain Bike Association
Create, Protect, Enhance

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Dear James Duran, Carson NF Supervisor,

This letter is to express our concern regarding the proposed treatment of an existing trail resource, the North Boundary Trail (NBT).

The NBT is one of the few Carson National Forest trails that is in close proximity to the town of Taos. It is not unusual for mountain bikers to begin the NBT by riding from town and finishing in town. Few CNF trails present this kind of access for local trail users. This trail, although once a double track access road, has largely reverted to characteristics similar to singletrack. Singletrack trails are a rare and desirable commodity on the CNF, and any potential loss of those characteristics on the NBT is a concern of mountain bikers as well as all recreational users.

It is our understanding that fire mitigation work will happen on Pueblo Ridge, and that work will include reverting sections of the North Boundary Trail to road. Though we encourage and support fire mitigation efforts, and healthier forests, we hope that the proposed treatment will not result in the loss of a valuable resource to the mountain biking community and other trail users.

Therefore, we request the CNF managers return the entire length of the NBT back to its singletrack characteristics once the thinning project is complete. To not do so would be a significant loss for riders and other recreational users in the Taos area.

Taos Mountain Bike Association (TMBA) represents members from across Northern New Mexico. While identifying potential trails for adoption by our organization, the North Boundary Trail has been at the top of the list because of its singletrack nature and its close proximity to town. With this in mind, TMBA would like to offer our resources and volunteers to assist the CNF in keeping this ride an attractive opportunity for our membership and other trail users.

TMBA is available for discussions around any of the issues, concerns and offers presented in this letter. Please contact us anytime.

Thank you for your time,
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