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cc: Frank Beum - Rocky Mountain Regional Forester, Michael Woodbridge - Hahns Peak-Bears Ears District Ranger, John Whitney - Western Slope Regional Director of Senator Michael Bennet's office, Congressman Joe Neguse, Laraine Martin - Routt County Riders Executive Director, Aaron Clark - IMBA

Dear U.S. Forest Service Leadership,

The Boulder Mountainbike Alliance joins trail organizations across the state in supporting the Draft Decision and Finding of No Significant Impact on the proposed Mad Rabbit Trails Project.

The Mad Rabbit trails proposal represents a commendable compromise achieved through years of careful study and evaluation. It strikes a balance between the expansion of needed recreational amenities and the preservation of nature and wildlife. This compromise is a testament to the collaborative efforts of various user groups involved in the process, showcasing the ability to address diverse interests within the community.

The Boulder Mountainbike Alliance actively participates in USFS federal NEPA processes in Boulder County, and we understand the importance of balanced and inclusive decision-making. It is imperative for all user groups to engage in good faith, ensuring that no single interest can unduly derail or hinder a project. The Mad Rabbit trails project serves as an exemplary model of collaborative decision-making, where multiple stakeholders have come together to create a plan that benefits the community as a whole in balancing the needs of conservation and recreation.

We appreciate the USFS's commitment to fostering an environment where different user groups can participate in the decision-making process. This inclusive approach not only ensures a fair representation of diverse interests but also strengthens the resilience and success of trail projects.

Thank you for your unwavering efforts and commitment to sustainable outdoor recreation.

This letter is CC'd to Senator Bennett and Congressman Neguse's Office staff as a courtesy.

Sincerely,

Wendy Sweet
Executive Director, Boulder Mountainbike Alliance

Great communities build trails, and great trails build community.