

To: Garfield County Commissioners
Garfield County Trails Committee

May 1, 2006

From: Garfield County, Boulder and Escalante businesspersons
Re: Promotion of ATV/OHV recreation in Garfield County

We are extremely concerned about the county's proposed promotion of ORV/ATV routes in and around our towns.

We have had the opportunity to talk with many visitors who support our businesses and who make landscape of Garfield County the focal point of their vacation time. The overwhelming sentiment of the people who visit and stay in the Boulder/ Escalante area is their appreciation of the peace, quiet and tranquility of our towns and their magnificent surroundings.

We believe that the promotion of motorized ATV/OHV recreation is in direct conflict with the present tourist- driven economy and our heritage as ranching communities.

Although the promotion of motorized recreation has been touted as an economic boon, we do not support the promotion of an OHV/ATV-driven economy here. We cater to a clientele who find this area one of 'the last best places' to relax in a landscape of unsurpassed beauty; free from noise, pollution and masses of people. The continuing and future success of our businesses in the Boulder/Escalante area depends on preserving our very unique attributes.

We urge you to redefine your plans for the Boulder/ Escalante area and do not force us to take on an OHV/ATV-driven economy that would destroy the business relationships we have worked so hard to establish to this point. We ask you to discontinue promotion and encouragement of OHV/ATV recreation in our part of the county.

We suggest you consider the irreversible impacts that making Garfield County an "ATV & OHV Headquarters" would have on all of our lives. Thank you for your consideration.

Boulder area businesses

Hills and Hollows General Store
Slickrock Sally Sandwiches
Escalante Canyon Outfitters
Dennis Bertucci Woodworking
Burr Trail Grill & Deli
Burr Trail Outpost Store
Earth Tours
Scotty Mitchell painter
Boulder Mountain Lodge
Hell's Backbone Grill
Circle Cliffs Motel
Poles Place Motel, and Store
Black Boulder Mesa