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Dear Action Committee:

This is in response to your letter of December 15, 2005. As travel management for areas encompassing segments of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (CDT) takes place, all laws and direction applicable to management of this trail will be followed.

Our November 30, 2005, letter accurately describes the National Trail System Act (P.L. 90-543) and its provisions regarding motorized use. The 1997 Deputy Chief's letter and the 1989 Environmental Assessment/Record of Decision remain applicable until modified or superceded. As we complete new National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis and decisions for sections of the trail, those decisions will address applicable direction, as well as any changed conditions affecting the trail and its resources. It is our responsibility to manage motorized use on the CDT in accordance with the National Trails Act as we make new NEPA decisions.

As the travel management process goes forward it is likely that some portions of the CDT will be certified to remain motorized. If we complete a NEPA document (including public involvement) that results in a decision to remove motorized use from the CDT, we will make every effort to develop alternative motorized routes.

Please contact John Favro, Regional Trails Coordinator, (406) 329-3451, and set up a time to discuss the issue of the CDT and motorized use. John will arrange to have Forest representatives present to discuss options for the specific CDT trail sections you are interested in.

Sincerely,

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Regional Forester

