

## APPENDIX A

### Response to Comments Rock of Ages Trail Project

<p>Include the Burro Trail as part of the new trail system</p>	<p>This comment was added to Alternative 3, the Proposed Action. Under this alternative, an estimated 1.0 mile of the existing Burro Trail would be designated as a Forest Service system hiking trail. See Page 5 of the Environmental Assessment.</p>
<p>Allow mountain bikes on the Rock of Ages Trail</p>	<p>This comment was added to Alternative 1, Under this alternative, the Rock of Ages Trail would be open to mountain bikes, horse, and foot travel.</p> <p>Designating the new Rock of Ages Trail as open to mountain bikes would create a potential management issue by inviting bikes into Silver Pick Basin on a trail that has no legal downhill exit route. For example, from the proposed Rock of Ages trailhead bikers would ride up the new trail (840 feet in elevation) then descend into Silver Pick Basin, intersecting with an existing network of mining roads. Trespassing downhill on the former Silver Pick Trail (road) through private lands to FSR #622 would always be an attractive, though illegal shortcut option for bikers.</p>