

February 20, 2018

Dear Sir:

I want to commend the Forest Service for finding the right mix of mitigations in Alternative 3. It has been a long process. The outreach to citizens and Eagle County have resulted in the ability to satisfy ANILCA while providing a new trail and parking for the users of the National Forest. This is the right balance on a tough issue.

Please allow me to make a couple of suggestions. I sincerely hope you will require the road to be paved and the utilities to be undergrounded. The DEIS is not clear these issues are mandatory.

Although Alt 2 and 4 will satisfy ANILCA, they are both more damaging to wildlife and will both be more visible across the Eagle-Vail valley.

Thank you for your efforts. This has been a long time coming and you found the right alternative for all parties.

Sincerely,

Matthew Bennett