

April 11, 2024

Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District Heather Noel, Acting Forest Supervisor c/o Michael Beach PO Box 190 Minturn, CO 81645

RE: EagleVail Trail #2351

Dear Heather.

Please consider this letter expressing our support for the proposed extension of the Eagle-Vail soft surface trail. The Town of Avon worked with the adjacent private property owner in 2023 to secure a permanent easement for extension of said trail. This missing trail connection will allow for safe connections between communities and other USFS trails. It would also allow alternatives to the paved Eagle Valley Trail.

The Town of Avon Comprehensive Plan contains several supporting goals and policies, including:

<u>Goal H.1</u>: Provide an exceptional system of parks, trails, and recreational programs to serve the year-round needs of area residents and visitors

Policy H.1.4: Integrate the Town's trail system with regional trail systems.

Policy H.1.5: Link open space through coordination with other governments and non-profits.

<u>Goal H.2</u>: Coordinate and collaborate with surrounding jurisdictions and agencies to develop recreational opportunities.

If you have any questions or require any additional information on Avon's portion of this project, please do not hesitate to contact our office at 970.748.4000. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Town Manager, Town of Avon