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Comments: McClure Pass Trail Project
Shelly,
I would like to submit my comments regarding the project.
Yes. Absolutely. Without doubt. Fantastic. Can't wait. If it will help, I will bring a shovel.
Clearly, the trail offers huge opportunities to ride a canyon that is extremely dangerous due to the lack of road shoulders. Additionally, it offers an expansion of cyclotourism opportunities, which will benefit local businesses and get more people out of cars and into the natural environment.
I am aware that there is pushback on the project from people who say that it will threaten wildlife and damage the countryside. However, until I see those particular homeowners demolish their houses and restore their lots to the original condition of that property, I can only believe that their opposition is based solely in NIMBYism and the pervasive Pitkin County resident's philosophy of "now that I've moved here, no one else should be allowed to". This is not their valley, and simply owning a piece of private property is not a valid argument to deny access to public lands by other people.
Sincerely,
Aaron Humphrey
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