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Comments: Hello,

I am writing to express my concerns in regards to the new proposed trail in Eagle-Vail. While we understand that many owners in our neighborhood are in support of this project we, as property owners that backup to the new proposed trail, have serious concerns about how this will affect our privacy, safety and quiet enjoyment.

If you look closely at the image below from the VVMTA website you will see how close the new proposed trail is to our legal property lines. Please zoom in to see our properties in purple, the existing "social" trail in red and the proposed new trail in yellow. We are concerned that there isn't enough of a setback from our property lines to ensure that our privacy will be maintained. In addition, we are concerned about the negative impact of local wildlife in the area. It frustrates me that they keep referring to the existing "social" trails as spider-webbing over the hillside, when in fact these are actual wildlife animal tracks/trails that have existed long before the 20 years we have resided here. True, there is one trail that is definitely more traveled by humans, but in reality these trails exist because of wildlife, not humans.

Another major concern of ours is that the new proposed trail ends at the Beaver Creek Roundabout (see second image below). Therefore this new trail is not being offered as an extra amenity for just Eagle-Vail homeowners, but all other Ascent, Frontgate and Avon residents and tourists alike. I can only imagine that most of the existing bike shops in Avon (Venture Sports, Sun & Ski, Christy Sports, High Gear Cyclery, etc...) will be sending every Tom, Dick and Harry that rents a bike from them to the "newest and closest" beginner/intermediate trail, the newly extended EV trail. This potential large influx of hikers, bikers and explorers is not wanted in our backyards disturbing wildlife and disrupting privacy.

We are BIG proponents of useful outdoor space and recreational trails. We ourselves love hiking, biking and enjoying the existing EV trail. However nowhere else along the trail does it abut to private home property lines. We bought our home knowing we were assured the peace and quiet that backing up to forest land provides. The prospect of having hundreds of people along the edge of our property is worrisome and problematic. We propose that instead of extending the trail west there be a proposal to loop the existing trail to the south and back east again. This would provide more space for outdoor recreation for the local neighborhood residents while also assuring the properties to the west maintain the peace and quiet we have grown accustomed to for decades.

We hope that our concerns will be heard and considered. We believe the impact on our wildlife, peaceful enjoyment and proximity to private property lines is detrimental and are opposed to this proposed extension.