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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Aspen Alley and North Barton Trails near Breckenridge, Colorado. The Summit County Open Space and Trails department is supportive of both proposed trails.

The Aspen Alley Trail is within the Golden Horseshoe Special Use Permit area. This permit authorizes the Town of Breckenridge and Summit County to manage recreational roads and trails on National Forest lands in a large zone between Tiger Road and Boreas Pass Road. If approved, the two entities will partner to construct and maintain the trail. The Town and County have 10 seasonal trail crew members and have demonstrated our capacity to maintain trails in this area to a high standard.

While this parallel trail approach is appropriate for this high-use trail with a history of user conflict, Summit County would like to stress that we understand this solution is not practical or realistic in most locations, and this should not become the new standard for addressing all perceived trail user conflicts.

A part of Summit County Open Space and Trail's mission is to connect our local communities to high-quality recreation experiences. With this in mind, we are also supportive of the North Barton Trail connection which will provide trail access to several new residential developments on the north end of Breckenridge, in an area where trail-based recreational opportunities have historically been lacking.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment. If you would like to follow up on these comments, please reach out to Katherine King, Director, at Katherine.king@summitcountyco.gov or (970) 668-4067.