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It is a false issue and will have no negative or positive impact on wildlife impaired as they are by Opour hunters and highway users.

Many thanks

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With limited and carefully positioned trailhead access points, appropriate seasonal closures, regular enforcement of rules and regulations, and well designed and crafted informational kiosks, I believe the proposed trail has far more upside than down.

I invite us all to get out of our cars more often to be reminded of the rich, healthy, and carbon-free experience that walking or riding bicycles can provide.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,
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Carbondale, CO 81623
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600 S Main St
Littleton, CO 80128

(303) 651-2623

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Littleton, CO 80120

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49 Bobcat Ln
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Redstone, CO 81623
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Glenwood Springs, CO 81601

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Evergreen, CO 80439

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Sincerely,
Nitschka Ter Kuile

9790 County Rd. Y
La Jara, CO 81140
274 5176

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1160 Majestic Dr
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

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Avon, CO 81620

(215) 779-5123

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The circus that the Aspen Ski Co has created on burnt mountain and elk camp areas is an example of the USFS letting us down. PLEASE STOP THE BLEEDING. There are plenty of bike trails, please make it stop!

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,
Zach Hayes
408 Castle Ridge
Aspen, CO 81611
(970) 948-7763

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P.O. Box 884
Carbondale, CO 81623

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artist
47 N Cedar St.

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For the sake of the wildlife and the best interest of a long term investement.

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Dear Ms. Grail Braudis

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I am concerned about the potential impacts to wildlife and habitat, including in the river corridor itself, from the construction and recreational use of this new trail. In particular , elk populations have been declining in our region and wildlife studies indicate we may be fast approaching a recreation carrying capacity on the White River National Forest. One of the biggest source of impacts to elk - and other species - is the fragmentation of their habitat. It is imperative that the Forest Service carefully weigh the wildlife impacts of all new recreation proposals.

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I have given this a lot of thought. I have written about the trail project in LTEs and to Pitkin County. I think the proposal is a mistake on several levels. Here are a few.

There is a lot of evidence coming together about how harmful our own human activity is in natural areas. We know from work in conservation that humans are the central problem.

The reality of the Crystal Valley is that we should do less rather than more. The highway already has a great impact on the ecosystem. The fact that a railroad that transported marble blocks existed in the past is no reason to bring back the route as a trail.

I know there is some foot traffic on the old highway cut to McClure Pass. People use that because they can take their dogs and it is not busy. I've done it myself. I don't think there will be much foot traffic on the proposed trail east of the highway. It is not easy to get to. It is nothing like the trails that are close to populated areas. I have written that widening the shoulders on Hwy 133 is the most sensible action to take. I have biked the highway many times. It is not unsafe now (how many collisions have happened), but a little more space would be welcome in the tight spots. 133 is a classic road bike ride. Forget about the foot traffic.

If non-residents hike a trail like the proposed, they will likely drive to a trail head. Probably to Redstone. That means more traffic and more carbon emissions. In fact building the trail will by itself create significant carbon emissions. This whole proposal comes out of before climate change thinking. The financial resources should be used for renewable energy.

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