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1011 Wheel Cir
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However, I would not be in favor of designating large swaths of new cuts in the forest. I think that any trail should be placed in the existing HWY 133 corridor as much as possible.

Thanks for listening,
Cliff Colia

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53 West Sunlight Court
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I love the bike trail from Carbondale to BRB and ride it often. I regret all of the negative folks that kept it from moving forward to Redstone. I raised by family and have lived in the Crystal Valley for almost 50 years.

Sincerely,
Steve Ivey
151 Chair Mtn. Dr.
Redstone, CO 81623

February 20, 2022

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Jim Risser
22 Treehaven Ln
The Hills, TX 78738

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Please protect the habitat for our wildlife. When their number decrease, eventually they disappear. We need to protect them and keep their habitat open to them!

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,
Jean Smith

4857 E. 17th Avenue
Denver, CO 80220

February 21, 2022

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Dear Recreation Manager,

Dear White River Forest Service,

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Thank you for considering my comments. I will be following this issue closely.
Respectfully submitted, Evelyn Ziegler

Sincerely,
evelyn ziegler
309 33rd street
west palm beach, FL 33407

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Francisco Tharp
135 w 3rd st.
Leadville, CO 80461

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Sincerely,
Jill Teitelbaum
300 Old Pond Way
Snowmass, CO 81654

February 21, 2022

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To the staff at the WRNF:

Thank you for taking comments. I am a former Carbondale Town Trustee, and one time managing editor at The Aspen Times. I currently am president of the Wilderness Workshop Board.

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Allyn Harvey
Carbondale

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957 Buckingham Dr.
Carbondale, CO 81623

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Sincerely,
edie engstrom
311 Bobcat Lane
Redstone Historic District, CO 81623

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Please consider this letter an opportunity for me to comment on the Draft EA of the WRFS regarding the Redstone to McClure Pass segment of the Carbondale to Crested Butte Trail.

My family has owned property in the Crystal River Valley for almost 40 years. The wild nature of that valley is what makes it special and valued as wildlife habitat. I am concerned about the potential impacts to wildlife from the added recreation pressure of this new trail, particularly elk, which have been declining precipitously in our region. While seasonal closures are an important management tool to protect wildlife from recreation impacts, evidence proves that closures simply don't work. As well, I believe the Forest Service has grossly underestimated how much recreation would be expected to increase from designating a new trail and whether those impacts would outweigh the benefits of a seasonal closure.

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Thank you for considering my comments. I trust that the Forest Service will follow the laws as they apply to this development. Sincerely, Dr. Jim Ziegler

Sincerely,
Jim Ziegler
170 Plum Beach Road
North Kingstown, RI 02874

February 21, 2022

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Dear Recreation Manager,

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I am a resident of the Swiss Village neighborhood 5 miles north of Redstone. I am in support of the trail and believe that seasonal closures will provide adequate protections for wildlife. There will undoubtedly be impacts from increased recreation but I believe the benefits outweigh the concerns.

Thank you for considering my comments.
Kelley Amdur

Sincerely,
Kelley Amdur
166 Ute Trail
CARBONDALE, CO 81623

February 21, 2022

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First and foremost, the potential impacts to wildlife from the added recreation pressure of this new trail is a certainty. Not only elk, which have been declining precipitously in our region, but also numerous other species that are also declining are sure to be impacted. While seasonal closures are said to be an important management tool to protect wildlife from recreation impacts, the Forest Service hasn't taken a hard look at how much recreation would be expected to increase from designating a new trail and whether those impacts would outweigh the benefits of a seasonal closure. As well I have heard many experts testify as to the failure of seasonal closures to keep out the public. One errant visitor with a dog could forever impact habitat.

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Thank you! Joe Ziegler

Sincerely,
joe ziegler

1301 NW 4th Street
Boca Raton, FL 33408

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I have read the Environmental Assessment Letter and studied the attached map.

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There are certainly other concerns regarding this project, but let's begin that analysis on a more knowledgeable basis. As many other correspondents have indicated/ written, I would suggest the US Forest Service to better explain/address the entire route at the beginning/now. Putting forth plans for a 7-mile section of a 83-mile long trail is not satisfactory.

I do appreciate your current interest in such a trail. And I do request to be kept informed of such further plans.

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Sincerely,
Donald Potter
3823 140th Ave NE
Bellevue, WA 98005

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Sincerely,
Nancy Caponi
225 W Figueroa St
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

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Pauline Koenigsknecht
347 LAMPRECHT DR
CARBONDALE, CO 81623

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- More, More, More in the White River National Forest is not a path to a sustainable future. Our Forest Service MUST follow the protocol to assess the impacts of this trail.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,
David Kashinski

343 Grove Court
Aspen, CO 81611

February 22, 2022

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Dear Recreation Manager,

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251 Garfield Ave
Carbondale, CO 81623

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73 Cherokee Ln
Carbondale, CO 81623

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gary engstrom
311 bobcat lane
Redstone Historic District, CO 81623

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35123 Hanson Mesa Rd
Hotchkiss, CO 81419

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6126 Habitat Dr
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Kristin Jensen
175 Riverside Dr
Basalt, CO 81621

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729 W Arbor Ave
Littleton, CO 80120

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225 S 8th St
Carbondale, CO 81623

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1829 Sea Oats Dr
Atlantic Beach, FL 32233

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PO Box 1341
Paonia, CO 81428

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26148 REDLANDS MESA RD
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559 Jacobs Place
Carbondale, CO 81623

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300 Hillside Dr
Castle Rock, CO 80104

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Having backpacked both counties, Pitkin's trails don't match up to Gunnison's. For

us, it looks like Pitkin money is pushing a project unwanted by Gunnison county residents. We don't want human feces in our back yards! HEAR US!

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Judy Gaukel
PO Box 65
Carbondale, CO 81623

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I have read this entire message template and agree with it in entirety.

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Lindi Mereness
PO Box 452

PAONIA, CO 81428

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Erin Riccio
996 Glen Oak Lane
GLENWOOD SPRINGS, CO 81601

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We live in a recreational area and it seems fitting to do what they've done like the Rio Grande Bike Trail that so many people of all ages enjoy.

Sincerely,
Susan Turner
37 Chair Mountain Drive
Redstone, CO 81623

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Regards - Nicole Kinsler

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772 Caldera Curv
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4239 Highway 133
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78 Pine St
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1278 Crystal Bluff Loop
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Cammy Colton
15282 Newton Dr
Overland Park, KS 66223

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HayDuke Lives !

Regards

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Julia Gillett
950 E 32nd St
Durango, CO 81301

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isabel melvin
304 W Hallam St
Aspen, CO 81611

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Thank you.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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Mollie Shipman
10840 Hwy 133
Carbondale, CO 81623

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Rodney Rice
1226 Vivian St
Longmont, CO 80501

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Brett Beavers
1625 Marble Village Dr
Marble, CO 81623

February 15, 2022

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Regards,

Tyler Sweeney

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30 Elk Lane
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434 Lions Ridge Rd
Carbondale, CO 81623

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Nathan Van Velson
410 Alden Dr
Lancaster, PA 17601

February 16, 2022

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the preliminary environmental assessment for the proposed Redstone to McClure Pass trail. As a resident of Carbondale and lover of our valley as it is today, I'd encourage your agency to spend more time assessing the impacts of your proposed plan.

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Beverly Patera
303 Cleveland Pl

Carbondale, CO 81623

February 16, 2022

RE: Comment on the Redstone to McClure Pass Trail!

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Jean Marie Naples, MD-Ph.D.

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26 Montebello Commons Dr
Suffern, NY 10901

February 16, 2022

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Lany Clough
Chestnut Ridge Road
St louis, MO 63021

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579 S. 2nd St
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Fred Malo
410B Garfield Ave
Carbondale, CO 81623

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I believe the proposed trail would be a giant positive step for trail and recreation development in crystal river valley and look forward to the project development,

Sincerely,
Brendan Couvreur
95 Chair Mountain Dr
Redstone, CO 81623

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Respectfully,

Caleb Merendino

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2126 Cleveland St
Hollywood, FL 33020

February 16, 2022

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the preliminary environmental assessment for the proposed Redstone to McClure Pass trail.

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Chloe Couvereux
95 Chair Mountain Dr
Redstone, CO 81623

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185 Big Horn Lane
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6259 frying pan rd
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Sincerely,
Brady Van Matre
7530 Baseline Rd
Boulder, CO 80303

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As a resident of the upper Crystal River Valley since 1994 I have witnessed recreation use increase exponentially on public lands. The unmanaged motorized vehicle use on FS roads in environmentally sensitive areas on the Lead King Loop is particularly alarming. Both roads entering the Loop run alongside the headwaters of the Crystal River, and for approximately 4 miles, the upper road is contiguous with the Maroon Bells Snowmass Wilderness Area. Yet the WRNF refuses to address the safety & environmental issues on these roads in any meaningful way.

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7463 County Road 3
Marble, CO 81623

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Brent Smyth
28 Sopris Mesa Pl
Carbondale, CO 81223

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PO Box 90
Aspen, CO 81612

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Andrew Morris
490 Crystal Cir
Carbondale, CO 81623

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Me preocupan los posibles impactos en la vida silvestre debido a la presión recreativa adicional de este nuevo sendero, en particular los alces, que han disminuido vertiginosamente en nuestra región. Si bien los cierres estacionales son una herramienta de gestión importante para proteger la vida silvestre de los impactos de la recreación, el Servicio Forestal no ha analizado detenidamente cuánto se espera que aumente la recreación al designar un nuevo sendero y si esos impactos superarían los beneficios de un sendero estacional.

La capacidad de analizar y comprender completamente los impactos en la vida silvestre y otros recursos es casi imposible dado que el Servicio Forestal está dividiendo una gran propuesta de sendero en segmentos más pequeños y analizándolos por separado. El sendero de Redstone a McClure Pass es un segmento pequeño del sendero de 83 millas de Carbondale a Crested Butte, como reconoce el Servicio Forestal en la evaluación ambiental. Dado que este proyecto es parte de una propuesta mucho más grande, el Servicio Forestal debe completar una declaración de impacto ambiental para todo el sendero Carbondale to Crested Butte. La revisión ambiental integral es necesaria para que el público comprenda los impactos reales y para que la agencia tome una decisión informada.

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21814 Hwy 133
Carbondale, CO 81623

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Locals and visitors need a trail that could be used year round and is not straight up and down.

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7 W. State St.
Marble, CO 81623

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