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Comments: Hello - I am against allowing the paving of and otherwise improving the Edmunds access road, or other nearby routes in the White River National forest to provide residential access to the Berlaimont Estates in holding. I believe the parcels in this subdivision are designated agricultural. And the existing gravel road is sufficient for the type of agriculture done in this area. Tree harvesting and sheep or cattle grazing is often done with similar road surface access. The land where the road will cross has a value to local residents, and to existing wildlife, in its present unimproved state. Once a forest is bisected with a paved road it will never, from there on in, be the same. We can't today know what value this land will have for future generations in an unspoiled state. The owners of the in holding chose to make a high risk gamble on purchasing and developing this area. Similar gambles had not worked out for previous owners. It is not our obligation as citizens of Eagle County to give up our valuable wild lands so that a few investors can profit. As the population of Eagle County, and Edwards in particular grows, wild places with close access to residences will be more valuable. This is one of the first areas to melt off and dry out in the spring. And so is a great recreational area for early season hikers, runners, and mountain bikers. Once it has been paved it will never be the same. There is no real compelling argument for assisting the development of the in holding property. A few out of town investors will develop this area for a small number of extremely expensive building lots. This will have no effect on affordable housing in the county. Probably no families will raise children to grow up there and go to county schools. These are typically investment properties. And while I have nothing personally against such development; I don't feel the need to give up our national forest lands to benefit such development.