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Comments: I fully support the construction of a multi-use trail from Redstone to the top of McClure Pass. The advantages of this project greatly outweigh the disadvantages. There are currently no viable mountain bike trails in the Crystal River Valley, and hiking trails are mostly very steep hikes from the valley floor to the upper ridges. A trail that winds up the valley and gradually climbs McClure Pass would be an outstanding addition to this valley's limited recreational infrastructure. This would provide economic benefits to the town of Redstone and Carbondale, as more visitors would use this new trail and visit some of our local businesses while they're in the area, but it would not generate the huge crowds that would detract from the serenity of this special valley. Based on the planned route of the trail within the CDOT ROW and in a historic wagon road/rail ROW, impacts to wildlife and habitat will be minimal to non-existent. The environmental impacts caused by highway traffic and a few hundred houses are much greater than what will be caused by this simple soft-surface trail. Don't be fooled by claims of environmental concern from people who have built their houses in prime habitat, then claim that a non-motorized trail in an existing ROW will cause major problems for wildlife.