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Comments: There are several things that have me concerned about not just this trail but the full flush of trails that have been springing up all around the valley. First I am aware that Eagle and Garfield Counties have lost 50% of the Elk population since 2001. This is highly alarming and has not been addressed in a big picture way. The riders of the valley have increased not just in numbers but in the need for adrenaline in the activity. I see riders all winter long now with loud music and fat tires. Also there are constant riders at night now screaming through the forests. All this is harmful to wildlife.

I implore you to do more studies about the fragmentation that building, and recreation are causing in the Elk population before adding new trails. Does every single mountain have to have a mountain bike trail up it?

I am in favor of keeping the trail close to the already existing road. Cutting through Elk summer range is particularly dangerous. Once the trail is there some mountain bikers do not have the integrity as a group to stay within the boundaries. There needs to be strict enforcement for trail closer till June 2 when spring calving is finished.