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Comments: Redstone to McClure Pass Trail Project

Hi Shelly,

I attended tonight's meeting for the Redstone to McClure Pass Trail and think it's a fantastic project. I live in Carbondale and utilize the McClure Pass area, including the Placita Trail. I think it would be great to have a pedestrian and bike friendly trail that connects Carbondale to the Crystal River Valley and McClure Pass. Currently I ride my bike up the Crystal River Valley from town, but only so far as the KOA because there is not an off highway option beyond that point.

The trail as proposed is a great project, because it would adopt two social trails that currently exist into the system and provide support to make them sustainable - the Old McClure Pass road and the old wagon road, which are away from the highway. It also serves as a potential future segment of the Carbondale to Crested Butte Trail, which would be a great bike packing route.

I like the built up grade separated design for the areas where the trail would parallel the road along cliffs. People drive very fast along 133, which doesn't make it a safe road for walking or biking along the highway as it stands now. If the trail is to parallel the road, a safety barrier of some sort needs to be integrated. I think it would be great if the process presented some alternatives further away from the road, but understand the terrain may not warrant that.

The only other suggestion I have is to consider a spur that would go to Marble. This would allow for access and hiking opportunities from Bogan Flats to McClure Pass / Redstone, as well as connectivity to Lily Lake, Marble all the Forest Service trail in that area.

Thanks for your consideration and putting forth a proposal for an excellent project that will benefit the public for years to come.

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