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Comments: How is the EA being funded? If Pitkin County OST is the funding party, then who selects those doing the assessment and who write the report? How is objectivity maintained? Many in the Crystal River Valley do not trust Pitco OST to place the biological diversity above their recreational objectives. The Caucus and valley residents have been at odds with the OST for more than 15 years in attempting to protect biological values from the county as they arrived at their preferred alignment of the trail. At least 4 studies over that period of time show that the Crystal Trail is an existential threat to this unique and scenic river valley.

The EA will be carefully examined by residents of the county and valley.