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Comments: I am interested in the outcome of this project as I have been visiting the Aspen/Redstone area for many years. I have been mountain biking for over twenty years now and been involved in many trail building and maintenance projects. Of course I've been able to experience the evolution of mountain biking in this area and many others. Looking at the map this trail proposes to follow, it covers some very steep terrain in places. Trails don't wear well on this type of terrain unless they are well-graded - 7-10%. Speed control should be built in preventing riders from scrubbing. If terrain has rock it can be used to mitigate erosion. Hikers cause plenty of erosion too which they often do not like to admit. But, ultimately water causes the most though it follows the worn tracks of the users. So mitigating water flow on tread with frequent grade reversals, drains, etc are all helpful. Due to the overall elevation in the area, keeping the grade around 7% is key, especially for bike riders. For example Hummingbird trail in the Hunter Creek Valley is much easier than the climb trail on Red Hill! Overall I hope this project goes forward!