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Comments: The Breckenridge Open Space Advisory Commission is a citizen advisory group that supports the Town of Breckenridge, Colorado Open Space & Trails program and use of Open Space funds, which are funded by a permanent 0.5% sales tax measure in Breckenridge.

The Town of Breckenridge owns and manages approximately 63+ miles of mostly single-track trails throughout the Upper Blue River Watershed, much of which is on jointly-owned land with Summit County. These trails were built for traditional mountain bikers, hikers, and trail runners. The Town, County, and USFS manage a mosaic of overlapping trails in the area and we work closely in partnership to ensure that trail management is seamless from one jurisdiction to the next. The Town and County also have a special use permit with the USFS to take on the management of non-motorized trails in the National Forest within the Golden Horseshoe area outside of Breckenridge.

In keeping with our established partnership, we urge the USFS to keep these decisions at the local, district level so that community needs and concerns can help guide the travel management plan. We value our relationship and partnership with our local USFS staff and representatives and welcome the opportunity to continue collaborating and coordinating at the local level.