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Comments: Sadly your FEIS, Alternative #2, not only severely negatively impacts wildlife winter habitat, but it does not provide adequate resources, parking and access, for human trail users. The proposed alternative trails and parking must be designed and constructed to widths and parking spaces adequate for the immense use of this very popular recreation area. Trail users include Mothers walking young children, dog walkers, runners and mountain bikers, all of whom drive to the bottom of FS 774 to park.

The existing parking area currently overflows with vehicles on a consistent basis. You propose the recreation trail must be constructed prior to road construction. So to with the parking areas, not during road construction as you propose. All construction work must accommodate trail users with absolutely no restrictions to human access to the recreation trails. Possibly you can arrange use of the Medical Centers Parking lot during the construction of the parking area, Once this parking area is completed and the proposed alternative trail is constructed, then start road construction.

You write:

Discourage special uses that require access during the access route construction period. Add signage to provide users with information about other recreation areas during construction.

No, denying access during construction would possibly close use of trails for an entire summer. There are alternatives, expensive possibly but essential for our citizens and visitors for recreation.

You write:

Parking lots for recreation purposes would be constructed and completed in conjunction with access route construction.

No, the parking lots and trail access route must be constructed prior to road construction.

You write:

The HOA shall be required to modify existing recreation area/amenities to allow continued, safe use by recreating public via a wide variety of modes of travel.

Not sure the intent. It should be the developer who is responsible. When the HOA comes into existence it can provide the necessary funding for the FS to conduct these activities paying annually for a Seasonal Ranger vehicle and supplies to manage and maintain the parking, trails and their use.

You write:

The multi-use trail shall be constructed and maintained per FSH 2309.18 Trails Management Handbook standards. If the intent of this statement is that the HOA will maintain the multi-use trail, no this is FS responsibility. It is unlikely the HOA will take the time necessary to inspect the trail nor will they have the skill level necessary to maintain it.

In closing, no property owner should be permitted to deny the citizens, 1000's of us, access to a trail system we have enjoyed for decades. Therefore construction plans must accommodate trail users and provide wildlife

protection.

Thank you.