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Comments: I have been utilizing the Frisco Peninsula for close to 30 years for mountain biking and Nordic skiing as well as occasional hiking and Frisbee golf. It is an amazing area and is a very important asset for Frisco and Summit County. Given the ever increasing demand for outdoor recreation trails, etc., I support the additional trails as proposed. My only criticism which may or not be something the USFS can influence has to do with the quality of the grooming of the Nordic trails ever since the TOF took over the management of the Frisco Nordic Center from the Dayton family. I have exchanged numerous emails with the TOF administrator who oversees the operation of the FNC. While she has acknowledged and replied in a very respectful way, the quality of the grooming as of the 2019-2020 winter was still sub par when compared to how it used to be before TOF took over and in comparison to the other Summit County Nordic Centers. I have not been able to ski this season due to shoulder surgery. Reasons for mediocre grooming given in the past included that snowcats were broken down, snowcat operators were lacking in experience and that they didn't have time every day to groom every trail. The bottom line regardless of the reasons or excuses is that the grooming has not been as good as it used to be. The point of all of this is....how will the FNC accommodate the grooming of even more trails if they can't keep up with the trails they already have? For what it is worth, I am not the only one who has expressed concern to the TOF over the quality of grooming over the last few years. And despite the TOF's receptivity to criticism, nothing has changed that I can see though I may have missed improvements this year over last given that I couldn't ski this year. Please impress upon the TOF that if trails are added the responsibility to groom those trails is theirs and that trail users whether they be season pass holders or day skiers pay for, deserve, and expect quality and consistent grooming.