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Comments: I submit this comment in support of the proposed Redstone to McClure pass trail. The alignment of the trail almost entirely within the existing Highway 133 corridor, and along historic roads and paths makes sense and represents a smart investment in human-powered recreation and mobility. I want to underscore my support for investment in non-automobile infrastructure. Certainly, recreation has an impact on landscapes, but in this case, the impact is largely already present and ongoing along the busy Highway 133 corridor. Perhaps we struggle to see and recognize this impact because let's be honest, it's hard to see and recognize the impact our actions are having when we're encapsulated inside an automobile flying along at 50+ mph (the recent carnage from automobile accidents along the corridor are further evidence of the potentially tragic consequences of our automobile-centric habits, not to mention the regular carcasses from auto-wildlife collisions along the highway). Let's also acknowledge that the lands in question are public lands, and thus ought to be open and available to more than those of us privileged enough to live nearby who have the initiatives, resources, knowledge, and time to find our way to them. I support this soft-surface trail, with seasonal wildlife closures, as appropriate technology that can facilitate slower, human-powered connections with nature and further help to democratize access to public lands. Who knows, if we are committed to the effort perhaps we can work to enhance visitors' sense of stewardship for this special valley through informational signage and kiosks and other public education efforts?