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Comments: Forest Service,

I would like to submit a comment on the North Valley Trail Project as it is proposed. I think that this project is redundant and does not do nearly enough good for the trail system in the north end of the Gunnison Valley. I understand the desire to get people off of roads to avoid collisions and improve the user experience but that needs to be paired with some high quality singletrack that people will actually want to go and ride. No one will wake up and say, "I am so excited to go rip that singletrack adjacent to the Lake Irwin road." Our trails are getting hammered and a meager 8 connector trails will not spread people out like we need to up here. Every single ride that I can do now I can do WITHOUT any of these proposed trails. And probably fast because riding on packed road surfaces is often faster than singletrack. What percentage of people do you think will actually ride the redundant Reno singletrack when the road could save them minutes of climbing? Plus, the road is already there! No building necessary.

Go ahead and build these connectors, I think some of them are worthwhile. But please add some real trail to the project that people will be stoked to ride.