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Comments: As a 9-year resident of one of the three subdivisions within a mile south of Redstone I strongly support the development of a recreational trail linking the village to Hays Creek Falls. I frequently walk or cycle to the village along Highway 133 and have always felt at risk, especially as the number of heavy trucks using the highway has increased in recent years. This section of the proposed trail would have negligible impact on wildlife or native vegetation and would positively impact the overall quality of life in our area. It would provide a safe recreational opportunity for families living in or visiting our area and also benefit local businesses. As a regular user of existing trails in Bear Gulch area and the old pass switchbacks trail I am somewhat apprehensive of the benefits of those proposed developments. Seasonal closures to protect wildlife in those areas would be detrimental to local residents who frequent them. Such closures seem excessive, considering that I have seen only one bear, a few deer and one wild turkey while hiking hundreds of times along those trails during the past nine years. Hunters also frequent the Bear Gulch area during the late fall.