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Comments: Please accept my objection to the proposed Redstone to McClure Pass trail system.

1)Habitat Fragmentation

2)Monopolized single user group

3)Proximity to Elk Production Areas

HABITAT FRAGMENTATION: Habitat Fragmentation(which mostly includes new trail systems in Colorado)is the number one contributor to wildlife habitat disruption and degradation of our valued wildlife areas. I estimate, as a wildlife manager, that nearly 4500 acres will be lost permanently for elk habitat if this proposed trail brings the expected crowds from its popularity.

MONOPOLIZED SINGLE USER GROUP: The largest push for this project appears to be coming from the organized mountain bike organizations. When I see "vote for this trail system because it will have some great single-track action", I know it will become a single use trail. Hikers and other non-bike users will be pushed out because of the trail danger or uncomfortness. This trail does not appear to be an "Alternating Day Use System". Ex; Bikers on Monday Wednesday Saturday. Hikers Tuesday Thursday Sunday. Horses on Friday.

PROXIMITY TO ELK PRODUCTION AREAS. If the maps are correct, the entire proposed trail system is within 1/2 mile of any of the 3 Elk Production(calving)local areas identified That is simply too close to these valuable elk reproduction habitats. Wyoming Division of Wildlife Elk studies have shown any cow disturbances within one mile of any calving areas, leads to lower elk vitality and numbers.

As a Wildlife professsional, please no not proceed with this project.

Thank you