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Comments: I do not support a trail pushed by Pitkin county through a sensitive wildlife area. We have been here over 40 years and having Pitkin bring more human traffic will disrupt the elk, deer, bear, fox, mountain lion, owl populations. Pitkin has no plan for maintenance that I've seen, and no bathrooms. A big part of the beauty here is that man has not over developed the area. The forest service should work to maintain this beauty, not put in more pavement and bring in more people. We residents already feel we are being bulldozed by Pitkin's big money and not being heard. Do we even have a voice? The project is being done piecemeal, and seems incomplete in its wildlife impact study, how people will use the trail (trash, bathrooms, overnight camping, lack of cell service for emergencies) - all for Pitkin to tout that they are using public land for what ?

Please give residents a voice. Please study the incredible wildlife that lives here. Please use the money for something that needs the money (like maintaining Pitkin county's trails - if not for Roaring Fork volunteers, Pitkin is a sorry example of trail maintenance!).