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Comments: Thank you for the time, energy, expertise of all involved with this assessment. I am a native of Colorado and have lived in Carbondale for 23 years. Colorado is a beautiful state, and the Rockies are in my blood. I deeply value the land, wildlife, forests, water and natural heritage. I am simultaneously grateful for access, which allows me to experience Colorado's landscapes. It's been difficult to see the staggering growth and impact on public lands, particularly the Roaring Fork and Crystal River valleys. However, I acknowledge that the "secret" has been out for a while and that it is a highly desirable place to live and recreate. We cannot stick our heads in the sand regarding this growth; smart planning is essential. Given that more people are moving into the Crystal River Valley, and many of these people are interested in recreational opportunities, such as hiking and mountain biking, I think it's wise to plan for it. The Redstone-to-McClure trail makes sense to me to prevent more social trails and prevent year-round use, which with increasing numbers, will affect wildlife more than if "we" concentrate usage on a designated route. Thank you.