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Comments: I have lived in the Crystal River Valley for more than 30 years. I moved here because I believed that this region would be protected from development by Pitkin County, but that belief was obviously a mistake. Now Open Space and Trails wants to do this major development, and for what end? When representatives from OST came to our subdivision to explain the plans for the trail, they volunteered the information that there will be contracts with national (not local) companies that will bring groups of bike riders here to use the trail. That is a commercial enterprise that has no place here. There seems to me be an element of insatiability around bike trails. Of course people should be able to appreciate the local beauty, but does it need to be on a bike? There are already so many miles of bike trails, but there never seems to be enough. Please do not allow this project to go forward, for the sake of the natural beauty and the wildlife found in this little corner of Colorado.