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Comments: I would like to register my strong support for the Redstone to McClure pass trail, and for the broader initiative to build a trail that connects Carbondale to Crested Butte. It would be a great asset to our community (my family is in Carbondale), and the community of Crested Butte, to connect our communities via a bike trail. It would create much greater use of the public land in between these two communities, expand economic opportunities for the communities, and enhance public desire to experience, appreciate, protect (and make use of) the natural areas in between. Today, transportation between the areas is largely by gas-powered vehicles. Opening up a connection between the areas by trail will serve the community, and will also enhance public interest and support to preserve the region, expand the outdoor adventure economic opportunities in the area, and drive a desire for expanded public utilization of the area in ways that preserve the outdoor environment. I have personally bike packed between Crested Butte and Carbondale, and I feel the area is a jewel that is predominantly utilized by 4wd enthusiasts, and those who see the dirt road to Crested Butte as a place to pass through. But, the area is rich with opportunities for people to stop, engage, and appreciate. A bike path between the communities would strongly facilitate that experience and appreciation, growing the public use, respect for the area, and enhancing the local outdoor-oriented economy.

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