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Comments: I am against this project. It appears to introduce significant safety issues in this area and provides limited benefit to a few.

The plan does not include a traffic study that addresses the anticipated increased numbers of cars and trucks in the area related to this project, the vehicle conflicts on 133 due to inadequate parking, the broad safety issues associated with adding more vehicular volume to this area on a fast and visibility restricted road. Driving past Hayes Creek Falls during high-volume tourist visiting times, one can appreciate the dangerous traffic condition it presents. Adding additional visitors that will enter and exit an additional road feature (parking lot(s)) would present this very issue.

Cyclists point out safety issues competing with larger and faster trucks and cars on 133. With the planned mixed use (cyclists, hikers, runners, walkers) these same safety concerns will apply on the trail. Pedestrians are competing with the larger and faster cyclists, sometimes on a trail as small as 3 feet wide! Couple this with spotty, at best, cell service, emergency responders cannot be reliably summoned. And, if occurring on road-remote trail locations, response would be further complicated.