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Comments: this proposed trail project is supposed to address three points. One the growing demand for local and regional trail connectivity. Two the unmanaged recreational and historic roads along hwy 133, and three, improve safety along hwy 133.

As a local resident who lives just beyond the pitkin county boarder in Gunnison County, I strongly oppose this trail proposal. I do not support any growing demands placed upon us to grow our trail system or give non locals easier access, and locals less access; which is what this proposes to do, by creating a managed trail for everyone to use and then closing it during the winter, to mitigate the extremely invasive and destructive nature of such managed trail. Doing that actually limits our local winter use of the unmanaged trails that we already use. We live miles out of town in the wilderness of the rocky mountains for this very reason. To enjoy the wilderness and keep it wild and be used as little as possible by non locals. We do not want more managed trails on our historic roads. Right now the old McClure pass rd is used harmoniously , unmanaged, as a local shooting range and hiking trailhead. This proposed trail would eliminate and discriminate AGAINST our local outdoorsmen and outdoorswomen alike by taking away their established shooting range. Our sportsmen PAY to use and have access and maintain all our wilderness. We will not tolerate the ASPENIZATION of our crystal River corridor. The powers that be could not get the trail they wanted from redstone to carbondale so now they want to create a solitary piece of trail from redstone to marble area so they can turn around and show that there is a need for "trail connectivity" and they will have a stronger case against the private land owners on the backend so they can get their trail from redstone to carbondale. Lastly hiding the entire manipulation behind the proposals third point, in making 133 safer. This notion is completely false. I drive along 133 in carbondale by sustainable settings and Bill Flayles place and there are still bikers on the rd. Road bikers don't use the bike trails. This is a trail proposal to impose Aspenization on our rural crystal valley. Rural is WHY we live here, if we wanted bike paths we would have purchased homes in town!