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Comments: I am writing in support of the Redstone to McClure Pass Trail.

As a resident of Carbondale and frequent user of trails throughout the Crystal Valley, it would be great to have a non-motorized vehicle trail that connects these assets along HWY 133. Currently, it is unsafe to walk or bike along HWY 133, due to the heavy vehicular traffic. Considering the proposed route utilizes a number of historic routes currently utilized as "locals secrets", it would make sense to formalize the routes for public safety, as well as limit development of new trails that might otherwise impact wildlife. Due to the impact of HWY 133 and the trails proximity to the highway, it does not make sense to put a seasonal closure on the trail. The cars provide a greater impact to wildlife than any hiker or non-motorized use. In addition, keeping the trail open through out the year protects "local usage", who are a custom to utilizing the routes without regulation.

It should be noted that developments of Penny Hot Springs and the Marble Mill Experience have put the Crystal Valley on the map. The area has been discovered and I see the adoption of this route as a way of appropriately managing the current impacts, vs additional development. It's a smart plan, utilizing historic routes, vs developing new routes in areas that haven't been developed.

I also support the extension of this trail from Carbondale to Redstone in order to improve public safety by separating vehicular traffic from hikers, bikers and other non motorized trail users.