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Comments: Hello USFS.

I support building the entire trail from Carbondale to Crested Butte. And I support building the section in question now, which is from Redstone to McClure Pass. I would be fully supportive of a "soft surface" trail, if a paved trail isn't reasonable. However, my support is with caveats. Please be responsible when it comes to wildlife protections, such as a seasonal trail closure for ALL users groups including dog walkers. I have seen first hand that seasonal trail closures (to support wildlife) do work at keeping 99% of trail users out as intended. Nothing we do in this world is without consequence, and there will surely be consequences to wildlife and neighbors...but minimizing those as best as possible seems in line with what Pitkin County has done with previous projects, and I have no reason to believe that they won't do the same here.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my comments.

Brett