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Comments: I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed development of the Redstone to McClure Pass trail. This trail will have undeniable detrimental impacts to the wildlife and aquatic life in the Crystal River corridor. The citizens of the various communities in the Roaring Fork and Crystal River valleys have an unbelievable wealth of trails to choose from for hiking, biking and horseback riding. My understanding is that a trail of this magnitude should be required to undergo an EIS. Why is that not happening? I realize that Pitkin County Open Space and Trails has made it a primary mission to build trails but why not contribute some of their ample budget to helping the White River National Forest maintain trails that already exist and that are heavily used. It seems to me the Forest Service could really use financial assistance to maintain and patrol these trails. At the very least please do not let this project proceed without completing an EIS of the entire length of the trail.