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Comments: Thanks for the opportunity to comment. The proposed Upper Cement Creek trail...which would parallel Cement Creek Rd from Hunter Creek to the start of the 583 trail...would be a great addition to the awesome Cement Creek Trail. The road section that we currently mountain bike up to the start of trail 583 is the least desirable and quite difficult section of this ride. The terrain on the east side of the road (where it's proposed) is very suitable for a trail and a lot less effort to construct than the last two sections that were recently completely. I do this ride about 10 times a summer on average. I've lived in Crested Butte since 1985 and have been an avid mountain biker ever since. Frequently when riding up this road section I'll get passed by groups of ATV's. The road is rough and narrow and has water running down it in sections...making it difficult for passing. I've also experienced motor cycles going down upper Cement Creek Road at high rates of speed in roller coaster sections with limited visibility. Anytime we can build sustainable trails and separate user groups....were adding an amenity to our already great trail system. This trail would get used most from the residences of CB South and Crested Butte as an early season out and back ride since it's one of our first trails to melt out because it faces south. In the Spring Hartman's Rocks can get crowded so I prefer the Cement Creek Trail and avoid driving to Gunnison to ride my bike.

I'm seeing more tourists doing trail 583 so the word is getting out and people are doing something besides trail 401. My favorite ride in the valley is the Cement Creek trail to Hunter Creek then "the road section"...we're talking about, then up 583...over Star Pass, down trail 400, up Block and Tackle and down Block and Tackle back to Cement Creek Trail to where I started...CB South. This ride is World Class! The flowers are good the whole way...views are amazing...especially Star Pass at 12,400'. The single track has improved significantly over the years. Block and Tackle recently was realigned and now rideable. 583 recently realigned. Cement Creek Trail just keeps getting better.... but the one road section could be eliminated with this proposed section. Please allow for the construction of this trail...it'll be a new favorite!

Many Thanks!