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Comments: I am writing to express support for this project and appreciation for CBMBA, USFS and other stakeholders as they continue to develop the trail systems so many of us enjoy.

One specific comment: I support the creation of the trail Upper Cement Creek Trail to Crystal trail, below is some personal experience regarding the following two IDT findings.

"the trail would not add much (if anything) to user experience" and "User experience would not be much impacted (improved) by the addition of this route"

and

"This section of the road is not busy and does not present a user conflict concern. Due to the remoteness of the road and the lack of 4x4 loop options, it is not expected that this road will become a busy route."

The existing Cement Creek trail provides an excellent, non-technical path through the drainage for both beginners and advanced riders. It presents an excellent opportunity to offer beginners a longer, scenic ride outside of the more highly traffic trails such as the Lower Loops, Snodgrass and Lupine. For more advanced riders, the extension would be a great way to reach the further trails in the drainages, including Crystal Peak, Star Pass and Trail 400. The alternative routes - Double Top and Waterfall are more technical, much more physically strenuous and (in the case of Double Top) narrow and open to motorbike traffic.

While this road is not as busy as many of the other drainages, during peak summer months, there is enough vehicular traffic (motorbike, side-by-side and passenger vehicles) to make certain blind sections parallel to the proposed trail dangerous, especially when descending south.