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Comments: My family and I have enjoyed the trails in and around Crested Butte the past 2 years. I have 4 children and we are in support of the expansion of trails around Crested Butte. We love how the trails around the town of Crested Butte allow us to explore the mountains and forests right from the front steps of where we stay.

In 2020 we were riding one of the few "beginner" trails that were available for our then 8 year old daughter. Thanks to the Walton Family Foundation we have some awesome trails in Northwest Arkansas to ride. We headed out Kebler Pass Road to ride the Wagon Trail since it was marked green for beginner. This is NOT what I would classify as a beginner trail. It is narrow, not more than a foot wide in most parts. It has steep drop offs on the downhill side on most of the trail. It has some very steep transitions in the areas where the trail drops into a drainage. Our 8 year old daughter in fact went face first into the dirt due to the steep transition. Thankfully she was not seriously injured.

I have been involved in trail building in Arkansas thanks to grants from the Waltons and IMBA. We are building hand cut trails that are almost 3 feet wide with less than 10% grade. These trails are green and safe for young kids. Kebler Pass Rd is not safe for people to ride on and trails are needed.

Please reconsider the work that needs to be done near the Lake Irwin trails.