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Comments: My name is Ryan Simonovich and I am in favor of a number of proposed ideas in the J-FIRM Project.

I am heavily in favor of constructing downhill mountain bike trails in the Log Chutes trail system. There is a lack of one-way downhill trails in the Durango area, and Log Chutes is an ideal location to meet this need of the community. One-way, dedicated trails make for a safer experience for all trail users. I am also in favor of allowing Class 1 pedal assist e-bikes on these trails.

I am in favor of winter grooming on Junction Creek Road, which would provide more access for winter recreation participants. I am also in favor of all proposed fire mitigation projects.

I am in favor of designating system trails in Falls Creek/Hidden Valley, and I would like to emphasize my support in designating these trails for mountain biking and Class 1 e-bikes.

I am NOT in favor of paving Junction Creek Road. The road is one area that cyclists can get away from vehicle traffic in and around Durango. Paving the road would lead to increased speeds by vehicles (and cyclists) leading to an increased change of vehicle/pedestrian conflicts on Junction Creek Road. A dirt road is safer for pedestrians using the road and the Log Chutes trail system.

Thank you,
Ryan Simonovich