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Comments: I live at the lower end of the Hidden Valley Meadow. For the neighbors I have spoken with, the first knowledge of this proposal was received via the Herald article, which BTW most people don't receive any more, so we were a bit shocked to learn that the cutoff for comments was tomorrow.

I was the representative for the Junction Creek Planning Group for many years, beginning around 1996, and have always taken active interest. Going way back, there was almost unanimous objection to creating any road access from the Hidden Valley/Falls Creek area to CR 203.

I understand the concerns of the folks in Falls creek now possibly wanting an emergency escape access. If there were a route up at that end of the valley that was not, say following Falls Creek or other visually impactful areas, and as long as there was a physical barrier or crash gate at both the upper and lower end of such a route, and as long as it was not a paved road, I might be ok with that, but would want to know more about it. I would want definitely need hard assurances that this would never be developed or used for any other type of access.

Also, with regard to the riparian planning, I would like to see the irrigation of the lower portion of the hidden valley be resumed. There has been so much less wildlife in this lower portion since the irrigation ceased about 10? years ago and the water tables at the south end of the valley have dropped, causing several wells in the area to go dry.

So there are a couple of comments, but the primary request is to extend the comment period for 30 days so that neighbors have a chance to understand the full scope. And in the future, I would like to be contacted by both email and US mail for any projects in this area. Thank you.