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Comments: This proposal seems like a pipe dream that stirs up many questions, the primary one that I am wondering about deals with the reality of disconnectedness between existing trail segments. While the proposal maps show a single continuous line, a great deal of that line is in reality long stretches of paved and gravel public roads. It would seem more fair if your analysis would express the miles of actual trail versus road, and show that on your maps. Many a hiker would be dismayed to find their route consisting of many miles of roaring traffic on state highways and billows of dust on gravel roads. That is not a recipe for recreational bliss. What is the plan for the actual "non-trail" miles?

Also, a long-distance hiker must also plan for visitations to communities along the way for supplies and support. The proposed trail bypasses communities with no indication of access feeder trails. How will the proposal accommodate the needs of recreators to make stops at civilization along the way?