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Comments: Thank you for allowing us to comment on the two separate proposed projects.

I wholeheartedly agree with the proposed bike trails as the project certainly fits with the lifestyle and fitness goals of most Colorado residents, as well as others who want to experience the beauty of Colorado.

However, I CANNOT support the proposed gravel pit location near the homes of San Juan River Resort as there are many health, accident, taxpayer cost and many other concerns that warrant the gravel pit project to be located in a more remote location away from homes and major highways. It has been documented that a gravel pit may cause health issues for those with breathing disorders, pre-existing health conditions and may cause cancer. As we know, health care is very expensive and even though cancer may not be immediately diagnosed as a result of the gravel pit project, the long-term potential is certainly possible. If caused, medical bills for cancer alone are in excess of \$100,000 for each diagnosis, which may now be paid by taxpayers because Colorado has passed a public option for healthcare. This does not account for the trauma and pain that families endure when cancer, other health issues and accident rehabilitations affect a household. Also, property values along with taxes may be affected by the project. Lastly, I ask the Archuleta County and Pagosa District San Juan Forest representatives if they would like a gravel pit and all the negative consequences to be located less than 2000 feet from their home?