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Comments: The proposed Jackson Mountain trail system would create new and different experiences for mountain bikers currently not available in the area. While trail systems like Turkey Springs offer a lot of mileage, Pagosa lacks intermediate and advanced trails with significant elevation change. Jackson Mountain is an opportunity to expand the diversity and difficulty of local trails, not just add more miles of trail.

Having an official, well built, sustainable trail system will reduce the adverse effects of unofficial trails currently being used in the area.

The trail system will provide non-mountain biking opportunities as well, including increased hiking access, ways to learn about forestry and fire management, and improved parking, facilities, and signage in the area. I have ridden the current "user created" trails in the area and they are very fun, it would be a huge benefit to the area for professionally designed and built trails in this magnificent area.

We must conserve and manage our public lands for recreation and not only permit grazing and logging. Mountain biking and hiking are a low impact recreational use of the land, much lower impact than ATV use.