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Comments: It is difficult to believe that having both the mountain bike trail system and a gravel quarry in the same area using the same roads and entrance is even being considered. A trail system works in harmony with the overall outdoor tourism draw that Pagosa Springs has pursued for a minimum of the time I have lived here (16 years). It would provide an alternative to the Turkey Springs trail network dispersing those participating throughout the area and offering more challenging terrain.

While a more accessible gravel pit will allow for more accessible/cost effective resources, it should not be on forest land resulting in physical destruction of the forest environment. A gravel operation plus the heavy vehicles that transport the product foul the air quality and create noise that completely ruins the natural ambience. Any nearby homes would be subject to all of that also, some days worse than others. And I ask who in the world would want to be hiking or biking around that?

Let's not forget that a popular trailhead is at the end of Jackson Mountain Rd. So we would have large gravel trucks, mountain bike enthusiasts, hiker traffic and horse trailers all traveling a windy mountain forest road. What could possibly go wrong?