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Comments: As a Pagosa Springs Native, I understand the need for gravel to sustain our community, but I am not in favor of the current proposal on for a Gravel Pit on Jackson Mountain.

This gravel pit lies in the middle of a proposed mountain bike project that will provide the best mountain biking in Pagosa Springs. Having a gravel pit in the middle of this development would be a huge net negative to the experience as a whole: Noise, Dust, Extra traffic on roads, etc.

This gravel pit is less than a 1/2 mile from the San Jaun River Village neighborhood. The residents of the neighborhood are close enough that they'd likely be affected by noise and dust. It is an a spot where the runoff will likely reach the neighborhood in the seasonal creek that runs through the neighborhood. It is also in an area that the residents of the neighborhood hike/bike/snowshoe/snowmobile/walk dogs through on a regular basis. This would come to a stop and limit the neighborhoods. I have hiked/climbed through the rocks that the gravel pit probably a dozen times over the years--its one of the prettiest views on Jackson Mountain. I also regularly see people camping on the so-called "abandoned/unused" road that leads to the proposed gravel pit.

Based on the last meetings our neighborhood had with the county and San Juan National Forrest, neither have seriously explored other options that are farther from housing and recreation areas and have not done any studies on the impact of the gravel pit on local residents, environment or the proposed bike trails. I'd urge both of those to spend some time looking for alternatives that could both provide Pagosa Springs and Archuleta Count with much-needed gravel without affecting local residents and hurting up a planned mountain bike park.