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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I am utterly taken back that USDA Forest Service has prepared an environmental assessment and draft decision notice that has the finding of no significant impact for the Redstone to McClure Pass Trail Project. This E/A was obviously conducted by a party from outside the Crystal River Valley. This trail project is just an idea that somebody came up with years ago, for their own benefit. This project WILL disrupt the peace and tranquility of this valley, my home, and WILL with no doubt negatively effect the flora and fauna. I have lived, worked, recreated and hunted/fished in the Crystal Valley for the past 15 years. I have since watched Pitkin County Open Space buy big and little pieces of land all over the county, most of which Open Space and trails has no business owning. Many of these acquired properties are surrounded by forest land or private property and are now closed to public access and hunting. Examples of theses properties can be found across the county but to name a few are as followed, areas of Thompson Creek, an 11.72 acre parcel completely surrounded by forest in lower Avalanche creek, 198.29 acres of land above the Redstone Inn and Castle , a literal 2 foot wide by mile and a half or so easement in Coal Basin across private property. The list goes on. I strongly believe Pitkin County Open Space and Trails is funded by the tax dollars and votes of fooled, uneducated part time wealthy residents mainly of Aspen, who really have no clue about Pitkin County Open Space corruption. Why does Open Space And Trails have more money than Road and Bridge? There are literally hundreds of miles of bicycle trails across the roaring fork valley not just from Pitkin County Open Space & Trails , but all municipalities including the City of Aspen, Garfield County, Glenwood Springs Parks And Cemeteries, Eagle County, Town of Snowmass Village, And privately owned areas as well the list goes on! The bottom line is Pitkin Open Space and Trails is using this second phase of trail construction as a way to get what THEY want not what the people of the Crystal River Valley and rural Pitkin County want. Once this phase is completed they will have more leverage to play eminent domain and complete the middle phase of their project from the existing trail outside of Carbondale to Hayes Creek Falls. Which as USDA and the USFS knows crosses the critical wildlife areas of Janeway, lower Avalanche Creek, and Filoha Meadows. This second phase of construction will cross excellent wildlife habitat and hunting grounds in lower Hayes Creek, Lower Bears Gulch, and the old McClure Pass area. Many of the long time Crystal Valley residents use the old pass as a safe area for target practice, this trail would unfairly take these areas from us. Please USFS do not allow Pitkin County Open Space and Trails to continue their unfair land grabs with their unlimited budget and to build this trail across forest land. Maybe Open Space and Trails can help the USFS out by paying to fix the bridge in Avalanche Creek that has been washed out for years now? Or maybe they can fix their road going up to the East Creek trail head with all that money they have! Maybe they can stop soliciting the UFSF for our public lands because we know that they already have enough land, trails and roads to tend too... JUST A FACT! PLEASE SAY NO TO THE TRAIL!!!!

Thank you