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Comments: I am sure you have received plenty of comments about the impacts of the proposed gravel pit. I do not think this is the best place for a gravel operation.

My biggest concern is the mountain bike trail system and its impact on the elk population. The southern Colorado elk herd is in a period of serious decline. Loss of habitat and recreation pressure is a known factor in the health of elk herds. The proposed trail system would definitely infringe on elk habitat and migration corridors.

Besides the negative impact on the already declining elk population, the development of this trail system sets another bad precedent. Many of the people who are actively promoting trail development on Jackson Mountain are the same people who have been creating and clearing illegal trails in this area for quite some time. It is a bad precedent to reward trail poaching with not only legitimacy but with expansion.