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Comments: I am in support of the proposed multipurpose and mountain bike trails in the Jackson Mountain area. While the Pagosa Springs area has existing hiking and biking trails, most are low difficulty and with little elevation change. Most of the existing trails are also repurposed game and cattle trails which are very different from the modern trails currently offered and being built in surrounding communities. As proposed, it appears that the proposal may offer a modern, diverse and sustainable trail system suited for all ability levels and user types. The proximity to the town center is also a plus for the proposed trail system as it will allow for easy access and an opportunity to ride from town.

Conversely, I am opposed to the proposed gravel pit. Clearly there is a need for gravel in the Pagosa area, but surely there are other suitable areas which are further away from residential neighborhoods and with less conflict from other forest user groups. Mixing large gravel trucks on the narrow Jackson Mountain road with other recreational users would appear to be an accident waiting to happen.