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Comments: I oppose the Jackson Man trail project for several reasons:

1. Existing trail systems are not well managed/maintained . Overuse is a real problem: trails are degrading from erosion, beetle kill blocks trails and trash is everywhere to include entire abandoned camps. We already rely heavily on volunteer resources to augment insufficient Forest Service and contract efforts and the job is not getting done...not even close!
2. Not all development is good. We don't want to become a "Moab in the Pines" as some propose. Moab is a zoo!
3. Pagosa is growing by leaps and bounds. A lot of what we love about Pagosa is already gone; let's do what we can to preserve the backcountry to provide a more primitive experience vs a "Dollywood of the west."
4. We already have Turkey Springs, Reservoir Hill and other areas open to mtn bikes. How many parks do we really need?
5. The Jackson Mtn plan initially had no consideration for livestock access. Not sure if that changed but highlights the priorities and direction of the project; this project is not planned as a multi-use trail system.
6. I've heard part of the rationale for the project is that there is a lot of illegal trail use by mtn bikes and making it legal avoids enforcement issues. Really??
7. Forest Service has bulldozed a couple trails to allow better access to mtn bikes without public input and probably without authorization within the organization. Examples include Snowball Rd and Windy Pass. That implies a predisposition for the Jackson Mtn project among certain individuals in the decision process.