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Comments: I am writing in favor of the trail projects proposed on Jackson Mountain. The trails in this system would create an experience that is not currently available here in Pagosa. Though Turkey Springs has many trails, it does not offer a range of difficulty. As a coach for the local youth mountain bike team, we strive to give our kids the most well rounded coaching, but currently struggle to find places to teach a lot of the skills needed to progress in the sport. We have been traveling to other towns the last few years so that we can properly prepare our kids to compete against other kids across the state. To have trails here in town that would better prepare our kids for competitions would create an opportunity we don't currently have.

Another benefit to building the trail system would be the sustainability of the trails. The current user built trails that I have seen up there and have been here since I moved here, are not a good representation of the mountain bike community and building this system would change that. These trails would be purpose built and require less maintenance.

I have concerns about the proposed gravel pit that is included in this scoping period. Though I don't live in San Juan River Village, the proximity to houses in that development is concerning. As a mountain biker, and a coach that could be leading a group of kids on a ride out there, I have concerns about safety with trucks frequenting the road that we access the trails by.