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TO: Pagosa Ranger District of the San Juan National Forest

Thank you with your foresight to increase our recreational opportunities at Jackson Mountain.

The reasons I love Jackson Mountain:

- 1) Close proximity to downtown.
- 2) Trails for hiking, biking, camping, cross-country skiing galore.
- 3) Snowball Road hooks up to trail system to travel in a loop...Adventure all day and ride into town to get a nice cold beer at the brewery.
- 4) Wildlife sightings of assorted mammals, birds, and reptiles.
- 5) The diverse landscape from open meadows, thick aspen groves, ponderosas and gorgeous views.
- 6) An easy access to sit amongst nature, breathe clean mountain air, meditate, reflect and mentally heal.
- 7) Spring and summer flowers!
- 8) Used and loved in all 4 seasons: Spring, Summer, Winter, and Fall
- 9) The educational potential of Jackson Mountain for school groups to enjoy are immense.
- 10) Jackson Mountain is a treasure to be preserve for our next generation of outdoor enthusiast.

Power to the people! We are a tourist town. Our economy is based on tourist. People come from all over the world to enjoy our natural beauty! Jackson Mountain will serve more people in our tourist town as recreational destination than a gravel pit. We will love and care for a special place like Jackson Mountain far more than it being used as a gravel pit, which is in direct contrast to our overwhelming tourist-based economy.

Thank you in advance for preserving Jackson Mountain as a local treasure, one that does not include a gravel pit.