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Comments: Hello, Thank you for your time and consideration. I am writing today to express my opposition to the Jackson Mountain Trail proposal. Given the immense habitat fragmentation that would occur from this project that would negatively impact ungulate and avian species that rely on the area that are already struggling in the Southwest this project appears ecologically unsound. This project is also underpinned on the existing illegal trails that have been documented for decades (<https://www.durangotelegraph.com/news/top-stories/slippery-slope/>) and to approve this project based on the existence of these trails serves to validate the efforts of these rogue trail builders and sets a dangerous precedent for the rest of the state and more broadly, the West. Furthermore, the proposal suggests that seasonal trail closures will serve to alleviate the aforementioned impacts, however it has been well documented that seasonal trail closures are frequently violated and when there is a draw to new trails and features this likelihood is even greater. Given the lack of any historic closures or enforcement there appears to be little appetite for future enforcement, which lends further credence to the projected closure violations.

Again, thank you for your time and consideration.

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