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Comments: Pagosa Ranger District,

I would like to comment on the 3 phases of the Jackson Mountain Project.

1. New Mountain Bike/Multi Use Trails: I am fully in support of building new 40 miles of professionally designed trails. The current social trails at Jackson Mtn were not authorized by Forest Service and not built properly to handle safely the volumes of trail users. Suggestion: 1. Please include proper adequate restroom facilities, parking and signage. 2. Please make the trails wide enough for multi-users. e.g. bikes & hikers.

2. Restoration, Hazard Fuel Reduction, Thinning: I am in full support of the Hazard Fuel Reduction Restoration in the Jackson Mtn landscape about 2,500 acres. Suggestion: Please use best scientific methods as stated in Forest Plan and SWCO CFLRP Desired Conditions
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Rc2kkq1LRDqN5F7OiAofrmdvfm7VMKGnrJt2qkqDzig/edit#heading=h.2gaczsgmxkub>.

3. Gravel Pit: I am in full support of the much needed non-commercial gravel pit in the Jackson Mtn area.

Reasons:

1. Its life span is only about 5-6 years
2. It is non-commercial only used for Forest Service and Archuleta County
3. Gravel season is only about 6 weeks out of each year.
4. After an extensive location search of 20 locations this was selective as best location
5. Location is only 2 miles from Highway 160 and turn off to FSR 738 from Turkey Springs Roads(FSR 37) is only one mile. It is good to be that closed to main state highway.
6. Big cost savings in much needed gravel for the hundred if miles of gravel roads in Pagosa Ranger District and Archuleta County.
7. The 15 or 20 so houses in San Juan River Village on the North side of 160 have a high ridge and lots of trees between their house and the proposed gravel pit. Due to this the gravel pit will not be visible from their houses and the sound should be very minimal, if at all.
8. Gravel Pit area is only 20 acres and will be using 5 acres at a time. . Gravel Pit: I am in full support of the much needed non-commercial gravel pit in the Jackson Mtn area.

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6. Big cost savings in much needed gravel for the hundreds of miles of gravel roads in the Pagosa Ranger District and Archuleta County. Much closer and less expensive than going to Durango or Arboles. Without gravel the roads deteriorate quickly into a bumpy muddy mess, especially with the increase traffic in our area and all the OHV vehicles.
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The 3 separate phases of the Jackson Mountain project must go through a rigorous National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review assessment approval process before being approved. That is a good thing.

Thanks,

Bobby Milford