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Comments: I have been a road cyclist and used to race mountain bikes in Texas in my 20s. I have a pretty good grasp on the mentality of the average person from Texas coming up to mountain bike because of what I have done. Most all the land used for racing in Texas is on private land so the race courses are set up one way and they are not educated about watching out for other people and animals or even wildlife on the trail. I also am an avid horseback rider and hiker. I lived in Durango for many years and actively worked building trails with Trails 2000. They would consult with me about how to build the trails for horse use also. I think developing some trails in the Jackson mountain area is ok within reason. I think setting up a racecourse is a really bad idea because of the mentality that it will encourage and promote. Long downhills are a bad enough problem with bikes for horseback riding and hiking. I once had a mountain biker hit my horse head on coming down the Colorado trail in Durango. He hit my horse so hard that it knocked him off the trail and he fell about 6 feet down and had a wreck. Luckily my horse did not freak out or get hurt, the mountain biker was also fine. I took the opportunity to politely educate him about properly riding his bike on the trails in the mountains, especially on blind curves. I have had several bad encounters with people racing down the windy pass trail spooking the horses and causing problems. Sadly that was one of our favorite trails to ride the horses on, but now is very dangerous because of the speed that they are moving. I think that with this increase in bike use on trails there needs to be some serious education about sharing the trails properly and public land educate ...

I have a huge problem with the fact that the trail at the end of snowball road was ripped apart and dosed out all the way over to the 4 mile drainage several years ago without the public's knowledge?????

I think the road to snowball should be opened up for full size Side by sides. The cyclists will need separate parking from the horse parking to prevent wrecks and fights. The existing Turkey creek parking needs to be enlarged so people can actually turn around and have places to park multiple horse trailers. This is a constant problem at this trailhead.

Thank you for taking the time to read and consider this

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