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Comments: USFS Pagosa Ranger District, ATTN: Josh Peck,

I live very near the proposed Jackson Mtn. Gravel pit / Mountain bike trail development project. While I am extremely supportive of the potential MTB trails and improvements associated with that plan, I must seriously question the development of a gravel pit, smack-dab in the middle of the highly used recreational area, that IS Jackson Mountain!

How can multiple, large dump trucks be SAFELY operated on the same narrow, windy, Jackson Mountain road used by bicyclist, hikers, foragers, hunters, and other San Juan National Forest outdoor enthusiasts?

Other side effects I wonder about, are dust and noise pollution, watershed integrity, and safety concerns about where Jackson Road connects with Highway 160, on a limited vision hill, in a 60 MPH speed Zone.

It's my understanding that in a field study that was undertaken some years ago, by Fort Lewis College, at the request of Archuleta County officials, that at least 47 potential gravel pit sites were located and identified in the region.

My hope is that the local USFS employees offer due diligence in their assessment of the feasibility of Jackson Mountain gravel mine, and thoroughly and thoughtfully find a more satisfactory location for a good source of gravel for the Pagosa Ranger District, and Archuleta County.

Respectfully submitted, Hal Jaeke San Juan River Village