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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I am hugely disappointed that the USFS is conceding to years of illegal trail building and moving forward with the Jackson Mountain Project. Why are we rewarding years of illegal activity by legitimizing and even expanding on the illegal activities? As an elementary school teacher, a basic tenet of my philosophy of my students is not rewarding disrespectful or irresponsible behavior. Yet the USFS is apparently doing both. What possible justification do we have for this, especially when considering the wildlife impacts that these trails will certainly have? Colorado's wild areas are dying by a thousand cuts, being loved to death, and this an absolute case study of such.

I have 0 faith that the recreational community will follow the seasonal wildlife closures that have been recommended, and there is also 0 chance that USFS will have the funding, ability, or will to enforce illegal use of the area, as evidenced by the lack of enforcement that led to years of illegal trail construction.

I beg you to reconsider this misguided plan, and begin again while keeping in mind your own (and CPW's) research on recreational impacts on wildlife.

Thank you,

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