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Comments: Land managers cannot continue to reward illegal trail building with trail incorporation in their plans

CPW's concerns early in the development of the illegal trails were largely ignored by the FS and alternative sites with less impacts to wildlife were not considered.

Deer and Elk herds are in decline in the area, additional stressors will compound declining populations

Existing measures like seasonal closures are ineffective without enforcement and enforcement is lacking due to funding issues within land management agencies.

We can't trust a community that constructed trails without approval to follow rules regarding seasonal wildlife closures

The planning of this trail system does not incorporate recommendations from CPW in "Colorado's Guide to Planning Trails with Wildlife in Mind"

Trails on the Northern, Western, and Southern sides of Jackson Mountain will have the greatest wildlife impact, we don't want to see any of these trails developed

Not all of the trails in the Jackson Mountain area that are proposed are currently on the ground as "non-system" trails. Increasing access to sensitive habitat on the N, W & S sides of Jackson Mountain will come with a possible increase in future illicit non-system trail construction

Clearing of understory through mastication will increase visual and audible impacts from recreation. Trail development that coincides with forestry and fire mitigation projects within the same project area must allow for proper distribution of refuge habitat for animals to utilize when disturbed by recreation.