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Comments: The Archuleta County Road Department and Piedra District of USFS San Juan National Forest need this material to maintain roads that are safe and usable and prevent environmental damage as well as ensure access for all users of the national forest.

The timber harvest is also very important to the area and to the nation: we need responsible management of the trees and resources.

Having the new trails is a nice benefit of what is proposed. We know that trails and forest roads and mining and timber can coexist and benefit everyone, despite short term impacts. We have wonderful examples of this kind of cooperation and coexistence in San Juan National Forest and in nearby Bureau of Land Management land in the Four Corners and SW Colorado. We know that the environmental impacts of mining near where the material is to be used (and is so badly needed) are much less than the increased environmental and safety impacts from long hauls of gravel and sand from existing sources, and also reduce the cost to national and county tax payers.

Please make this project work so our roads and forest are better, more assessible, and safer.