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Comments: I absolutely oppose this trail of 7 miles of construction that is proposed. It will put pressure on other areas and the wildlife will be pushed into areas that are unfamiliar to their habitat. Seasonal closures are not the answer, as people in this valley live for their recreation, no matter what signs are trying to keep them out. Fat bikes, hikers and skiers will continue to use the trail in the winter, no matter what the closure deters. How will the closure be enforced? The pristine river ecology will suffer if masses of people looking for more and more "wilderness" picnic along the Crystal with the threat of leaving trash and not honoring 'leave no trace'. There are enough bike trails in the Carbondale area and we don't need more. It will only bring more pressure to a small town for parking, not to mention the lack of parking on top of McClure pass for people coming from the other side of the state to ride the trail. Leave it alone and leave some areas in this valley that are still pristine and not accessible to the public.