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Comments: I have lived in Route County, Colorado since 1993. I have recreated on Rabbit Ears And Buffalo Pass areas since moving here. I mountain bike, back country ski, hike, fish and hunt in these areas. I would like you to reconsider allowing these trails to be built in elk calving areas. We have seen a steady decline in the elk herds as it is. Adding access to these areas will only add more stress to the cows during the time they need to gain strength before and soon after calving. We have seen outlaw trails that have been built off of existing trails and I would imagine that the same will happen here. Please "follow the science" and allow our wildlife the space they deserve.