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Comments: I would like to express my strong support for all elements of the Telluride Mountain club's trails proposal to USFS. TMC has shown themselves to be a responsible and effective partner in our region's efforts to improve and expand our trails infrastructure. As an avid hiker and mountain biker, I am truly looking forward to the expanded access to our beautiful mountains and forests that these proposed trails will afford. And, as the Mayor Pro Tem of the Town of Mountain Village, I am acutely aware of the benefit these trails will bring to our residents and visitors alike. They represent an expansion in sustainable, low-carbon tourism. They particularly assist our efforts to expand our tourism season into the shoulder seasons. Finally I, I wish to call attention to the Valley Floor connector, which will do so much to connect the Mountain Village trails system with that of Telluride. The current Boomerang connector is basically unusable. Creating a switchback trail will enable easy commuting by mountain bike, with all of its attendant benefits.

Thank you for your partnership with TMC and for your work keeping our national forest so beautiful.

Scott Pearson

Mayor Pro Tem

Town of Mountain Village