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Comments: These comments are in response for the SHEEP MOUNTAIN TRAVERSE proposed trail that will be located once you pass through TROUT LAKE LAND COMPANY AND LIZARDHEAD LAND COMPANY at trout lake.

To propose a public trail on Forest Service Land that has people traveling through TROUT LAKE LAND AND LIZARDHEAD LAND P.U.D. (TLLC&LHLC.) is wrong. This public trail should be accessed from the top of LIZARDHEAD PASS on forest service land . The fact that the Mountain club refused to meet with our boards BEFORE submitting this plan to the Forest Service should tell you everything you need to know about them being a lobbyist organization and not a planning organization . TLLC \$ LHLC comprise of 465 acres and 121 cabin sites in and around the proposed trail access. We have NO COMMERCIAL USE written into both our by-laws . We currently host the trout lake recreation area, boat launch and 4 recreational pullouts and parking areas, which is owned by EXCEL energy for power generation at Ames power station of which they have keen interest. The recreation at trout lake of which they are not so keen on. The Federal energy regulatory commission holds them accountable for recreation there are located in San Francisco. Though a fair amount of trash, signage , parking ,commercial use and toilet cleaning falls on us that live here with them being the absentee landlord. We do it for our community. We also host ; Telluride Nordic Trails, Liptrip ski tours, Helitracks skiing, Hope lake trail head, fly fishing guides, sup board rentals and Guides, The galloping goose trail and subsequent downhill bike tours, Priest Lake Campground, Telluride academy summer camps ,Adaptive sports Programs. Since TroutLake is NON - COMMERCIAL and for the public only Helitracks and the Nordic Association are the only actually permitted companies as far as i know. Both travel THROUGH T.LL.C @L.H.L.C.

The Trout lake road is actually the the old R.G.S.R railroad bed and was owned by the power company as part of the AMES POWER STATION prior to the forest Service being in existence 1891?and regulated by F.E.R.C. until its sale in 1982 and 1985 to T.L.L.C. AND L.H.L.C. it was never intended as a county road nor does it even come close to county road standards . It cannot even meet the requirement for a current driveway. The houses are way to close to the road, the cut banks and fill are in violation of both county and forest service roads and we fail the test for a two lane road. To send the public through this PLANNED UNIT DEVEOPEMENT(PUD) is stupid.

Access for Hope Lake Trailhead and this proposed trail should be from Forest Service Land where the galloping Goose trail finds the top of Lizardhead Pass. A 50 vehicle parking to accommodate BOTH Nordic Skiing and summer uses is needed so the default parking is at the top of the pass not through Trout Lake. Currently people park in the CDOT pullout for the top of the pass , blocking the snowplow turnaround , leaving no room for trucks to check their brakes before descending the pass andgiving travelers no room to pull over and stretch their legs and take in the scenery . Quite the shit show. The summer pullout toward blackface helps in the summer but is on the wrong side of the pass for we are talking about. By the way the trail head is already permitted in the summer for grazing sheep, thus the sheep corals and the scenic byways information signs stating the history of sheep grazing and the name Sheep Mountain. Not sure how the homeless and free campground for all got started other than you either condemn it or condone it . The parking area HAS to preclude trails being built so it becomes the DEFAULT parking area and stated on the trail maps as such

. Secondly and since this will likely break the back of a community that sees a lot of recreation we propose an electric code gate at the end of troutlake cabins for trout lake and hidden lakes residents and close the road the public from june to october on forest service land. Why would you propose a trail inside the SHEEP MOUNTAIN SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA? Plan A would be the only one that works. greg stob