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Comments: I whole heartedly support the Telluride Mountain Clubs efforts to expand, maintain, and rehabilitate the trail systems in and around the Telluride area. As user populations continue to grow in our area, both local and tourism, the trail systems get more and more use. The need for expansion to accommodate is becoming more and more vital. Through new trail construction, connectors and reroutes we can work together to spread out the use and avoid the congestion and heavy use on the relatively limited trails per user we currently enjoy. We need more of these trails, not less.

These proposed additions are only a fraction of what was originally proposed and then wittled down to appease the USFS. The fact that TMC does most of the planning, fundraising and building of the proposed trails and leaves very little work for the USFS is incredible. The fact the USFS simply has to read the proposal and get out their rubber stamps, but continue to sit on their hands is appalling. The unwillingness of the USFS to do anything is unsustainable. The revenue tourism and second homeowners bring to this area is huge, hence the budget of the TMC to do the work of the USFS(trail construction and maintenance). The expansion of our current trail system is vital and necessary to maintain user populations and keep the character of the San Juans. I urge you to do your part and work with us to modernize our trail systems.