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Comments: I think the Telluride Mountain Club Trail proposal has many trails that will enhance the quality of life and recreation in the region. In particular, the Ilium Flume Trail, MV to Valley Floor Connector, South Side Perimeter trail, and Sheep Mtn Connector will take people off of roads and put them on trails. It will enhance safety and connect many other regional trails. As the popularity and population of this region increases, we need these new trails to disperse people and handle the load in a responsible matter.

I do have some questions on the sunshine mesa loop rehab. A South portion of that loop has huge motorized use - I've nearly gotten smashed hiking before. It does seem like an inappropriate place for motorized use, but luckily it is not heavily trafficked by users, so I think it works out. Motorized users don't have to worry about tons of hikers on the trail, which could be a problem. I worry that spending time improving the trail will lead to more users, and therefore more conflict between motorized and non-motorized users. It is a very intimate environment (relatively narrow, wooded trail) for motorized use, very unique to this area.

Thanks for all you do for our public lands!