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Comments: As a 30+ year Telluride local trail user, I know the trail variety in the Telluride region has been lagging, and the trail proposals by TMtC would greatly enhance the array of trail difficulties and ease levels, catering to diverse skill sets and preferences among outdoor enthusiasts. Additionally, with our limited trail system, the expansion of Telluride's trail system is crucial to alleviating congestion and distributing trail users more evenly, addressing the escalating popularity of outdoor recreation. Due to our limited trail infrastructure and trail system connections, improved connectivity between existing trails is essential for enhancing navigation, accessibility, and overall user experience throughout the Telluride area.

Additional free recreational trails outside the ski resort's paid system are vital for fostering inclusivity and ensuring equitable access to outdoor activities for all community members.

Proactive planning, facilitated by TMtC for the USFS, is imperative to accommodate the anticipated growth in recreational activity, ensuring the sustainability and resilience of Telluride's trail infrastructure.

I can't imagine a scenario where the downside outstrips the public benefit by approving the design, build and maintenance by TMtC for the proposal presented. With the limited budget of the USFS, please allow the private sector to step in and cover the gaps.

Thanks for your consideration,

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