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Comments: Here are the reasons I believe you should support the projected trails in our area. We love trails. They are good for the soul and make people more connected to nature, and thus, take better care of her.

Trail variety: The Telluride region would greatly benefit from a wider array of trail difficulties and ease levels, catering to diverse skill sets and preferences among outdoor enthusiasts.

Spreading out users: Expansion of Telluride's trail system is crucial to alleviate congestion and distribute trail users more evenly, addressing the escalating popularity of outdoor recreation.

Trail system connections: Improved connectivity between existing trails is essential for enhancing navigation, accessibility, and overall user experience throughout the Telluride area.

Free recreation options: 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.

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

Economy: As a local business owner, you recognize the significant economic benefits that new trails bring to our community.

Commuting: Expanding our trail network will facilitate alternative transportation options for commuting to work or social engagements, promoting active lifestyles and reducing reliance on vehicular travel.

Community engagement: Highlight the role of expanded trail systems in fostering community connections, social interaction, and overall well-being among residents.