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I am writing about a proposed trail off the existing Galloping Goose Trail at the top of Lizard Head Pass.

I totally disagree with the proposed trail that The Telluride Mountain Club is proposing here in the Trout Lake area.

The proposed trail parallels an already existing trail that if I had my way would be closed to vehicular traffic. Why would anyone disturb an animal sanctuary for one mile off bike trail that goes. NOWHERE! Especially when it parallels an existing trail! This make no sense!

The animals are abundant in that forest. We do not need to disrupt them.

We already have TOO much traffic. The county counted traffic from the end of September to the end of October a few years ago during COVID and we had over 9,000 cars! THATS OUR SLOW TIME!!

Really what needs to happen is the road/ Galloping Goose needs to be the main route from the top of Lizard Head Pass to the Hope Lake Road to access the Hope Lake Trail Head. Too many cars go way too fast on the North Trout Lake Road to and from Hope Lake trail without regard to TL residents, people, dogs, kids, walking. It's horrific and one day something will happen. Not to mention the dust. Likely I will die of Lung cancer due to the dust because the FS cannot figure out how to get folks to Hope Lake a different way.

If any trails are to be built out here there needs to be parking areas created and maintained FIRST, ideally at the top of Lizard Head Pass first, before anything else happens. But there really is no where to put any trails. Maybe just below the existing Lizard Head trail from San Bernardo to the top of the pass.

Speaking of the the top of Lizard Head Pass. Good grief!! What a Mess! I pick up hoards of trash there a couple of times a summer, where is your crew? Not to mention the all summer into November regulars. So wrong!

All camping should be on the west side where it is already paved. NOT IN A SCENIC CORRIDOR, the highway is designated a scenic route, people get to the top of Lizard Head pass just to see 20 hughmungus RV's parked in their photo opportunity, not to mention animal migration area. Which I find interesting that you allow camping and motor vehicles there yet we were told (granted a few years ago) that we could not set and groom Nordic skiing trail in the same area because it disturbed the wildlife. Well I am pretty certain, dirty, littering, noisy campers do the same.

Anyway, camping should be paid designated sites only on the west side of the highway.

Please do not allow this proposed trail, please relocate the Hope Lake traffic and relocate the camping! All seem like no brainers to me!