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Comments:

"The Town of Mountain Village writes to express its strong support for the Telluride Mountain Club trail proposal 2023 #65616.

The trails that would be constructed under this proposal will complement the extensive trail system within our town, providing connectivity throughout the region and enhancing the trails experience for our residents and our visitors. Hiking and mountain biking grow in popularity each year and form a key part of summer recreation in our town. As this popularity increases, so does the need to expand our regional trail system. The Telluride Mountain Club's proposal is the most comprehensive and exciting plan we have yet seen to enhance our regional trail system.

We wish to particularly call attention to the "Mountain Village to Valley Floor Connector". Currently recreationalists and commuters wishing to ride or walk from Mountain Village to neighboring Telluride have faced only unpalatable options: either a very steep trail or a long, roundabout road route requiring riding on or crossing a major highway. This connector will be transformative. It will provide a gentle-grade, direct connection between our towns. We expect it to increase cycle connections between our towns many-fold.

The Telluride Mountain Club has been a long and trusted partner for trail development and maintenance. We have total confidence in their integrity and the quality of their planning and execution. We strongly endorse this plan and respectfully ask that it be approved.

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Town Council

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