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Comments: I am voicing my support for the new trails proposed by the Telluride Mountain Club. We have seen a dramatic increase in the population of trail users in Telluride, Mountain Village, Illium, and further surrounding areas. Trail connectors and expansion will help to decrease congestion on our trails, as well as increase the overall safety of using our trails by spreading people out. Some other safety aspects are that it helps to improve navigation so that users don't get lost, and it connect trails, keeping people off of roads with cars and car accidents.

As our county continues to grow, we need to foster a continued trail growth to support this influx of population, both locals and tourists. Trails provide activity, and ensure a continued love and stewardship for our natural surrounding landscapes. I fully support the proposed trails, and I know these will have a positive impact for everyone living in and visiting Telluride and the surrounding areas.