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Comments: The Telluride Adaptive Sports Program (TASP) is honored to comment on the 2024 Trails Proposal and grant our full support in 3 specific areas to be mentioned below. I am humbled to write this from a 40-something year old, white, able bodied, privileged trail user and guide perspective, fully noting my comments support outdoor pursuits of the largest minority group in the world, individuals living with permanent physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities. Thank you to the Telluride Mountain Club and USFS for initiating this process years ago with the Trails Survey and responding in a thoughtful way to address those comments and propose these projects brought forward. TASP is a fully permitted adaptive hiking and biking (plus so much more) guide service in the areas presented in the Proposal and we could not be more excited about the potential of more purpose built trails with adaptive build/use considerations in the area. We do a lot with a little to make longstanding impacts on public lands for our clients, to include disabled veterans, but in our work more thoroughly considered options are better for our safe use and end product. Adaptive users are often not considered and are overlooked in the planning process of Proposals like this which is why we are so thankful to continue the dialogue here. Although adaptive trail users do benefit from specific considerations and builds, these aspects are often not the "pave the world" asks that land managers often expect in asks like this. It is our firm belief that trails built or realigned with adaptive users in mind are simply better built trails with better user grades, resting intervals, drainage, sight lines, passability, usable switchbacks, information at trailheads, information attainable on online platforms and simply better inclusivity to ensure riders and hikers living with disability can recreate with their able bodied friends and family which is proven to be a top winner in mental health and continuation of healthy life. We have found that connectivity and consideration to extend or modify outdoor experiences in areas where it makes the most ecological sense and user benefit goes a really long way which is why we have focused our comments to three specific trails in the Proposal; MV to VF connector, Illium Flume Trail and Sheep Mt Traverse. TASP already has and uses operational permits with USFS, SMC, Town of Telluride and TMV that touch origin or termination points of these three proposed trails which would extend our current operational offerings and offer a number of variations to classic guided trips that our athletes who return season after season would greatly enjoy. A considered MV to VF connector would provide a safe and enjoyable route for a classic ride we have offered for 15 years for our disabled clients that is logistically easy for our organization and gives our adaptive riders a great variety of riding terrain from hillsides to valley bottoms. This trail, I think we all would agree, would alleviate some historical private property easement issues thus guaranteeing a consistent riding opportunity through a whole season. TASP would have to work with the rec department in TMV to modify a section of the Jurassic trail to safely access this new trail to the VF but we are confident with our working relationships there this could be done with ease and partnership. Illium Flume trail sounds like a slam dunk on a route that potentially would not need much side hill bench work etc considering the route is historical and has a great start to an end product. This route would help us extend rides on the Galloping Goose and allow us to finish trips closer to town since the existing Galloping Goose below the flume is too narrow for 32" adaptive bikes and often has rockfall etc impeding safe travel for clients paying for a safe experience. The Sheep Mountain Traverse may be viewed as the toughest section to make adaptive bike friendly with the thick timber and steep hillside but here is an opportunity for a new trail, to get users off the Galloping Goose rd headed to the Trestle, to design an incredible trail that is beautiful, passable by many users and safer than traveling on a vehicular road. Please know that it is always the intention of Telluride Adaptive Sports to act as a partner in all of these considerations for land managers and offer its expertise in adaptive design as well as volunteer crews within our organization for work days. We are also always available for letters of support for future funding for adaptive considered trails. We are also very keen to help with public messaging on what adaptive use trails are, etiquette on what to do when an adaptive bikes is encountered, etc. Thank you continually for the work you all do for the disabled community and supporting TASP in doing the same. We look forward to a bright future on our regional trails with all users in mind for an experience together.