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Comments: The proposed connector trail to the valley floor goes thru the only woods that the elk have to get away from humans. The community enjoys seeing elk on the valley floor. leave the woods alone so that the elk have a place to get out of sight and then come back to feed on the valley floor.

There is a good trail alignment that goes from top of boomerang road over to the telluride trail. Humans have the boomerang road to use now. Let the elk have this little pit of woods.

The only way to put a trail on the flume bench in ilium valley is to destroy much of the historical flume structure that still exists. There is a road used not that much only a few hundred feet below that goes the same place. Leave the historical structure alone.

The trail from sunshine mesa to Wilson mesa trail is heavily used by motorcycles. When I road that trail last week of August 2023 I encountered 15 motorcycles every last one was courtesies. New trail work on this a lineament won't last more than a couple of years before it is back to the same condition. The trail is usable now.

What is need in this area is to replace the bridge that the fs disappeared decades ago at the morning star mine. What are you waiting for some one to be swept over the water fall in crossing at high water in June? Replace the bridge or make a trail crossing in upper bilk creek that bridge the fs disappeared over 35 years ago. The trail is unusable with out a crossing. The fs put in all those horse corral's at woods lake and yet one of the main trails is not useable. The trail wasn't cut out below the morning star in august 2023 making it unusable. Clear the existing trails before you add more.

There is not a need for trail head parking at Alta lakes road and hwy 145. All you need to do is unlock the gate that is keeping the public from using the parking that they all ready paid for. Don't tear up more ground for parking when parking already exists.

There isn't a need for a new trail around sheep mt. The existing trail galloping goose already does that. The way the bugs are moving up the lake fort of the San Miguel river that forest will be more dead than a live in 10 years. Then who is going to cut all the hazard trees to keep the trail safe. Leave it alone so as to maintain the primitive feel of that area.

The Norwood district gave away 1/2 million dollars of trail work above telluride because the didn't want to do the trail maintenance work and now the public has to pay to use the trails that the public already paid for! Until the Norwood district gets their act together and shows that they can maintain the existing trails they don't need any more feet of new trails.