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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Eagle Vail Trail extension project. I am writing in support of the project. The existing trail is highly popular and provides an important amenity for the Eagle Vail neighborhood. The extension makes sense and provides the following:
1. Formalizes the existing multitude of social trails - this would allow those social trails to be closed/eliminated which reduces erosion and reduces impacts to wildlife and plant communities.
2. Creates neighborhood connections - this project would provide the next link in a south side trail system that could eventually connect communities from Minturn to Edwards.
3. Low impact to wildlife - this area is already well used by the neighborhood and has been for decades. The trail extension is not encroaching into previously undisturbed forest. Also relates to comment #1 regarding elimination of multiple social trails.
4. Alternate route - the proposed extension provides an alternative route between Beaver Creek and Eagle Vail. Currently, riding and/or crossing Hwy 6 is a safety issue. The road is congested, and getting across to the paved recreation trail can be daunting.

Thanks again!