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Comments: Dear Reviewing Officer(s),

The basis and purpose of VVMTA's comments are in support of the extension of the EagleVail Trail as proposed. The Vail Valley Mountain Trails Alliance (VVMTA) believes that the proposed project's social benefits largely outweigh any potential or perceived negative impacts to habitat, wildlife, and/or landscapes. The benefits of a sustainably built trail, restoring existing social routes, increased user safety, and trail user experience in this already highly disturbed area meets a community and land need. The VVMTA believes that the recreation opportunities and limited impact these three trail projects have on our landscape, provide desired connections and experiences for the community.

I am in support of the extension of the Eagle-Vail Trail #2351 #65783. I am an Avon resident and frequently hike and mountain bike on the Paulie's Plunge and Everkrisp trails when open. Currently I end my ride at the Everkrisp trail and ride neighborhood streets, Highway 6, and the paved recreation path to get back home. Extending this trail to the west will allow me to hike and bike much closer to my home, and is a vast improvement from having to ride along highway 6 to get to/from the trailheads I frequent.

This project would be a great improvement to the soft surface trails in the community and should be approved.