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Comments: Looks like the only people asking for this trail are the developers of Front Gate so they can add more value to their units.

It's pretty funny when there's already adequate access to a separate two line bike path directly across the street that takes any bicyclists to trails from Eagle Vail to Minturn. We have successfully been using that bike path for years and are grateful for the access it provides. So saying access is needed is laughable.

In fact, I bet the person who pushed their people to get this trail done has never even been on the side of that mountain on one of these "Social Trails". Had they, they'd realized how steep and dangerous it is, that it's more akin to bouldering than hiking, and that they're not "Social Trails" at all but are intertwining deer paths not meant for us. It's almost humorous as well that they want the trail to hug the backside of that development's concrete vertical death drop.

The mountain side up there is so steep that people will definitely tumble down when they go off trail, believe me, it's super easy to go off trail and get misdirected up there. Because once again, they are deer paths.

As for how much wildlife would be displaced, we've personally encountered bears, moose, deer, foxes, wild turkey up and not to mention the mountain lions that call that area home. We hear them all the time. We've heard mountain lions in heat directly outside our bedroom window, and had one of them cut a deer in half in our backyard not so long ago. The neighborhood smelled for days. But frankly, we'd prefer to keep the mountain lions up there and not displace them.

No one around here asked for this except for Front Gate, and there are far better places to put a trail in than here. My guess though, is that an alternate route would most likely upset the motivation behind this whole debacle.

Thank you, but no thank you. - Robert Aubrey