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This comment opposes the Eagle-Vail Trail #2351 Extension CE.

Has there been or will there be an environmental review on the elk population and their habitat in the area? It seems that there may be an "extraordinary circumstance" on the cumulative impact on the elk over time from the trail building of the Evercrsip Trail, the social trail restoration projects as well as the proposed extension. Is it more that the 20 acres of USFS land year over year which would not be categorically excluded from a scientifically based environmental analysis? What is the actual calculation of the total acreage of the entire Evercrisp Trail system and other trails the VVMTA has proposed that have been approved for special use, plus this extension of 0.27 and disturbance of 0.22 acres so to ensure the special use permit hasn't exceeded the 20 acres of USFS land to adhere to the "Supporting Statement: Categorical Exclusions For Certain Special Uses, Infrastructure, and Restoration Projects"? And, most importantly, what either has been or will be proposed to maintain the health of the elk population in the area?