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Comments: I am grateful to live in a place with access to so many great trails! That being said I'd like to voice some concerns:

1. The appropriate use of categorical exclusion to build trails is being pushed to the limit, to the point of being detrimental to what's left of our local wildlife habitat. Plans for future trail work need to be considered comprehensively with trails built or reworked in the past 20 years. An EIS may be a more appropriate tool for approval of this type of land use.
2. Is there real demand or pressure from the public for new trails? I've hiked in the Gore Creek / Eagle River Valley for 50 years and ridden a mountain bike since 1986. The only places I have witnessed an overuse feeling have been on Wilderness hiking trails in the Gore Range. I'm out enjoying our mountain bike trails 10 - 12 hours / week seasonally. The trails are never crowded.
3. The recently built or reworked trails are not multiple use. Burmed / banked corners and high speed downhill riders do not make a pleasant hiking experience. Separate trails ???
4. More of the funds that are available for trail building should be directed to wildlife habitat restoration and educating trail users about appropriate behavior.
5. Until I see these concerns are addressed I opposed any new trail building.