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Comments: Thank you for accepting comments. I live at the far west end of Eagle-Vail and oppose this project for several reasons. The habitats of the bears, mountain lions, deer, elk and hawks in our quiet end of Eagle-Vail will be negatively impacted by the influx of bike traffic. Full stop. That alone should be reason enough to stop this project. We have so many places to hike and bike in this valley. Can we leave the animals one piece of relatively undisturbed land?

Property owners who back up to the trail will also be negatively impacted by the noise, erosion, and let's face it, the inconsiderate behavior which will surely happen. Even though most mountain bikers are respectful of others, we all know a few people can spoil it for everyone. Opening the trail to Highway 6 (a terrible idea in and of itself) will give too many people access to this tranquil area of Eagle-Vail. It will disrupt wildlife habitats, resident's privacy and enjoyment of their backyards.

In addition, the steep pitch of the terrain is a safety concern as is accessing the trail from Highway 6, which seems an accident waiting to happen as bikes try to navigate the roundabout.

This proposal will bring disruption to a peaceful neighborhood and a relatively undisturbed part of the forest. Please do not allow this expansion to proceed.