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Comments: Dear Forest Service,
I am writing today to express my concern for the proposed trail to connect the Eagle Vail Trail to the Beaver Creek Roundabout. I do not support this project moving forward. I live in River Oaks and have used the recreation trails beginning on our property and up behind the hill. The trails that currently exist are in a terrible state. The erosion from the existing trail is extensive, and the terrain is not well suited for something like a flat stable bike trail.

I appreciate the Forest Service considering how this project can get bikers off US-6, but I believe the ecosystem behind our properties to be too fragile, with too much eroding soil to be a good bike trail.

In addition, there is abundant wildlife that lives on that hill from deer to foxes, and these animals already face habitat fragmentation from the highway blocking access to the river. If we invite more people into this area, it will push out what wildlife is there. We have plenty of trails across this valley and given the state of the ground / soil in this area, as well as the wildlife impacts, I don't think this trail is a good idea.

Thank you for reading these public comments in your decision making process.

Kim Schlaepfer