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Comments: Greetings -- I write today to express my advocacy for all of the proposed new multi-use trails contained in the Telluride Mountain Club Proponent-Driven Trail Proposal previously submitted to USFS Norwood Ranger district. Here in the Telluride area we need more trails! This proposal is a good start to further developing and enhancing Telluride's regional trail network, and it must be followed by continued creation of new and innovative multi-use as well as use-specific trails.

For instance, what is commonly known as the T35 or Sunshine trail ought to be designated as a downhill-only mountainbike trail, in my opinion, because of its technical nature and limited sight lines in certain locations, and for the fact that mountainbike speeds on this downhill are high. Therefore, I fully support the creation of the proposed T35/Sunshine Uphill trail. I am also supportive of the connector Sheep Corrals to Sunshine/T35, which would improve safety by providing singletrack access to the nearest established parking area. These trails should be given priorities 3 and 4 out of the 9 proposed new trails in this package.

The proposed Mountain Village to Valley Floor Singletrack Connector is one that I fully support. I am in favor of creating several more trails leading down to the valley floor from mountain village. This proposed trail should be given the highest priority -- 1 out of the 9 proposed new trails in this package.

The proposed South Side Perimeter trail would create an essential link between the town of Telluride and one of its most scenic attractions, Bridal Veil Falls. The proposed 'Option A' would be the preferred one, although it looks like Option B would be more easily negotiable, especially by mountain bike. This trail should be given priorities 2 out of the 9 proposed new trails in this package.

The proposed Sunshine Trail Connector Trailhead & Parking area, while undoubtedly beneficial, is one that ought not to be prioritized for immediate construction. These trails should be given lower priorities out of the 9 proposed new trails in this package.

While I am generally supportive of the creation of all the proposed new trails described in this package, I would like to conclude my comments here. Many thanks to USFS and Norwood district for supporting these new trails.

Sincerely,

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