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To: United States Forest Service and Telluride Mountain Club

Hello to all,

I love Telluride and I love to hike. I have also been a significant financial supporter of Telluride Mountain Club and its mission. Fundamentally I am in favor of adding additional trails and of course maintaining what we have.

The River Trail already exists and this proposed South Side Trail seems redundant and not the best choice given limited financial where-with-all. There must be a better way to invest these hard to come by funds.

There is too much foot traffic heading East into the box canyon already in my humble opinion. There is rarely any parking at the lower Eastend lot and parking at the top is now restricted. It is becoming almost not worth the trouble to hike Eastend. That is a shame as the hiking up there is amazing. We also have a ton of jeepers doing Black Bear Pass. There is just so much activity there now, doing anything that will add to that seems to me to be a bad choice. I think this planned trail will have an effect of damaging the fragile ecosystem of the area. My gut also tells me this will lead to more accidents and problems between people and vehicles.

Again, I love TMC and I really want to keep supporting mutually beneficial goals and plans. This one, the new South Side Perimeter Trail, is seriously the only planning idea that I have had a problem with.

I sure hope you consider my feedback on this. My wife and I would be happy to host a get-together in our home to discuss this and all other matters that might come up. It would be fun and when like-minded people get together good things always happen.

We will be back in town from mid-June until mid-October. Let's get something on the calendar.