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Comments: Dear Forest Service and Telluride Mountain Club,

As a homeowner within the Idarado Legacy subdivision, I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed South Side Perimeter Hiking Trail.

As presented by a multitude of opposition letters, development of a new hiking trail at the proposed location would result in a number of negative consequences, including significant construction costs, long-term maintenance costs, environmental impacts to flora and fauna, and elevated traffic and parking in and around Town Park, which already experiences limitations and congestion.

The proposed trail is also redundant and unnecessary, given that the existing Idarado Legacy Trail provides access from the town of Telluride to the Bridal Veil Falls Trail and there are hundreds of miles of existing hiking trails originating from Telluride that extend and expand throughout the region.

Considering these factors, I question why is it necessary to create another trail and disturb more of this pristine and beautiful landscape. I ask that you consider focusing resources on the maintenance of the extensive existing trail systems that surround this area.

Sincerely,

Bryan Cotner