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NO to Proposed South Side Perimeter Hiking Trail

Dear US Forest Service and Telluride Mountain Club,

I am writing to state my opposition to the proposed South Side Perimeter Hiking Trail.

I am a homeowner in Pandora and do NOT support the proposed new trail for the reasons stated below.

*The trail does not provide any markedly new access or vistas. The current trail system is more than adequate.

*The resources earmarked for this effort are FAR better spent maintaining the wonderful trail system that already exists.

*The south side wall is currently pristine. Can we please agree that a big new scar straight across the face will destroy that. Why?

*The untouched nature of the south wall manifests as unique and priceless habitats for flora and fauna alike. Don't destroy it.

*The river is already stressed. Carving a new pedestrian highway just above it along its eastern most origin guarantees erosion, trash, dog crap and other assorted malfeasance.

*The bail out for hikers who do not or cannot complete the trail will be straight across the tailings to the homes in Pandora. That is trespassing pure and simple. The liability presented to the homeowners, landowners and Idarado Company are not justified.

Please do not proceed with this ill-conceived effort. It does not make sense from any perspective.

Thank you.

Yours in protecting and preserving our Aina,

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