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Comments: To whom it may concern;

We urge the Telluride Mountain Club and US Forest Service to reconsider the proposed Perimeter Mountain Trail. This letter summarizes our concerns:

1. Increased traffic to an already congested area:

This new trail will bring even more foot and parking traffic to an already very congested Bridal Veil area. This locations already attracts thousands of bikers, hikers and off road vehicles every summer.

2. Increased parking issues:

The proposed Perimeter Trail would exacerbate parking and traffic issues both near Town Park and Bridal Veil where more day visitors will look to start or end a walk. The Increased foot and vehicle traffic will spill onto narrow residential streets.

3. Redundancy in trails:

The existing Idarado RiverTrail accomplishes the same beginning and end point and provides a scenic route for hikers without introducing additional environmental strain or property encroachment concerns. Given a suitable alternative is already in place, the necessity of developing a redundant trail seems unjustified.

?4. Preservation of the unique Box Canyon:

Instead of adding to the already congested east end of our beautiful Box Canyon, let's preserve this last untouched stretch of mountain around Telluride-free from human disturbance-so that local flora, fauna and wildlife can continue to thrive undisturbed.

5. Significant financial consideration:

Given the topography of the proposed trail, the projected cost of building will be uowards of \$45.000. This is a very expensive 2 mile stretch of trail that is duplicative of the existing River Trail.

As 8 year property owners in Liberty Bell, we appreciate your consideration of our concerns and hope the Telluride Mountain Club will rethink using these funds for other more needed trails.

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