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Comments: Dear US Forest Service and Telluride Mountain Club,

I'm writing to express my opposition to the proposed South Side Perimeter hiking trail that would bring increased pedestrian and vehicle traffic to Idarado as well as an invasion into the natural habitat.

The influx of hikers this trail would bring would significantly increase traffic on roads that are not designed for the influx of visitors. While we are new to the neighborhood, I've have heard of trespassing issues in the past(including over night camping) especially during the summer. This would only increase with the new trail.

More importantly is the environmental impact. The untouched area of the Box Canyon is one that should be protected and maintained for the wildlife, vegetation, and furthering the goals of restoration of the land and river.

Please reconsider this plan. We walk and bike the existing river trail daily. And while I am so grateful it exists, as well as all the other town trails, I do not support adding more at the expense of our environment, safety and privacy.

Sincerely,

Shelley Kaplan