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Comments: While I largely support many of the aspects of this project and appreciate the effort to allocate resources to this very special area, I would like to publicize my opposition to the proposed reroutes of the southern portion of the Wheeler Trail.

The Wheeler Trail is one of Colorado's classic alpine rides. Through my eyes as someone with professional trail building and maintenance experience, I don't believe that there are any portions of this trail that require rerouting due to current/forecasted erosion. From my experience riding this trail north to south and hiking it south to north, the hiker experience is not negatively affected by bike traffic. From the time I've spent in this area, the Wheeler Trail - especially north of Crystal Lakes road - does not see the type of high traffic between all types of recreationalists that would warrant even the consideration of rerouting sections of it.

I believe that rerouting is too extreme of a measure as it would be far more damaging to the current trail corridor than professional maintenance of the existing trail; please continue to consider the allocation of resources to the upkeep of this trail, though! In my opinion, it rides exceptionally well for a trail with sections above tree line and I believe that it can continue to be enjoyed by bikers and hikers alike for the foreseeable future as is.

To summarize, please remove the reroute of the Wheeler Trail from this project. I support many other aspects of this project - especially regarding improved/added trailhead infrastructure.