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Comments: I am writing to comment on the proposed Frisco Nordic Center Iron Springs Trails, Hut, and SUP Adjustment. I strongly oppose the overnight hut. I am a mountain biker and frequent user of the trails on the Frisco Peninsula (I have friends that live in Frisco and visit often) and feel the hut will ruin/degrade the experience for current users, as well as be detrimental to the environment.

I support the proposed summer multi-use trail connecting Summit High School to the FNC trail network, as well as additional soft-surface trail options reduce congestion on existing routes and expand access for a wide range of users.

The Frisco Peninsula is not a remote or lightly used area. On any given summer weekend it sees heavy trail traffic from hikers, bikers, and walkers of all kinds. It is accessible, visible, and squarely within the developed recreational corridor around Frisco and Dillon. Placing an overnight hut in this environment invites a pattern of use that is inconsistent with what makes these trails enjoyable: the sense of open space, manageable crowds, and a trail experience that feels removed from town even if it is not far from it.

The Buzzsaw Trail in particular has seen many improvements over the last couple years and is a go-to route for mountain bikers and hikers. The proposal identifies Buzzsaw as the primary access route for hut construction and for overnight guests. Funneling hut traffic through one of the Peninsula's most popular trails (summer and winter) will degrade the experience for the many users who rely on it, in exchange for serving the few who book the hut.

The Forest Service describes the hut as serving users who lack the skills to access other huts in the area. The Peninsula is the wrong location to try to that. This project would add a facility that duplicates existing services while putting its costs squarely on the existing user community of one of the most popular trail networks in Summit County. And accessible hut options with more amenities already exist nearby (Nolo for example).

I urge the Forest Service to deny the hut and allow the trail work to move forward separately.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.