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Comments: I'm deeply disappointed that public input-including practical suggestions like alternating use days (e.g., downhill biking vs. hiking)-has been set aside in favor of immediately building an entirely new trail. Alternating days have been successfully implemented in many other areas. It is unclear why this low-impact, cost-effective option wasn't given a fair trial for at least one or two seasons before committing to major construction.

Aspen Alley was specifically designed and built as a downhill, flow-style mountain bike trail, and it excels in that purpose. It's an outstanding ride that should be preserved as is.

The proposed new trail appears to incorporate numerous curves and features intended to limit speed, fundamentally changing the character of the experience for downhill riders. It feels shortsighted to alter or compromise an excellent bike trail primarily to accommodate leaf-peeper tourists who heavily use the area for only a few weeks each year.

If our officials are unwilling to trial the reasonable, proven, and far less disruptive option of alternating days with clear signage, then the logical solution is to construct a dedicated new hiker-only trail while keeping Aspen Alley as the downhill mountain bike trail it was meant to be.