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Re: Suggested options for mitigation and enhancement of recreation use values in response to proposed Berlaimont Estates subdivision

Matt,

Please find attached a concept design for alterations and improvements to existing recreational travel routes in the Berry and Beard Creek areas north of I-70 in Edwards, CO.

As you are aware, these public lands have a long history in Eagle County with multiple user groups including hikers, mountain bikers, motorized users, and hunters. The proposed housing development on the private inholding known as Berlaimont Estates, and associated access road upgrades to FSR 780 and 774, stand to significantly impact all user groups.

As potential mitigation for recreational impacts from the proposed development, we present a variety of options to improve the Berry/Beard Creek venue that remove pedestrians and cyclists from paved roads, integrate with the existing USFS system roads and trails, and concentrate new recreation travel routes in or near previously impacted land corridors.

Proponents of Berlaimont Estates have expressed openness to the inclusion of recreation mitigation early in the subdivision's larger NEPA process. Proponents have agreed to consider and potentially support 3rd party suggestions such as this concept proposal in the development's review, if it is determined that such options provide feasible solutions to multi-user group impacts.

As always, if you require additional information or have questions regarding the concepts described in this proposal, please contact Jamie Malin (246-866-2457) or myself (970) 471-6216 at your convenience.

Regards,

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