My continuing concern is that trails, to be true multi-use, need to be designed to accommodate mountain biking AND other uses – including-hiking and quiet recreation (birdwatching, wildlife observing).

Looking at Map A of Ironton, I see that a trail was added near Saratoga Smelter. This trail parallels an existing trail. Is new trail necessary?

### I also noted that in the Conceptual Trail locations maps (listed on the COPMOBA RAT website under “c[lick here to see proposed trail maps and submit comments” - posted after the June 8 meeting,](https://drive.google.com/file/d/162oFOASQgy3GhM7jPaUfKH6bUAMft0rW/view?usp=sharing)) in the Ironton section there is a trail parallel to Red Mountain Pass. This trail was not listed on the Draft1 maps, the information from the February or March meetings, and was NOT included in the “[click here to see draft, conceptual maps that will be discussed at the June 8, 2021 virtual public meeting](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rslmI1Ws6_uVW7D91OpfCaRG95Vi6Zp-/view?usp=sharing)”-posted before the meeting. I deduce by comparing the older to the new map that this is a 2.8 mile new trail (or does it make use of an existing trail/road?) in Forest Service land. I don’t feel that this section was presented early enough to garner real public input. Why was this trail added? How will it accommodate multiple use (hiking, biking, wildlife watching)? Was this section of trail reviewed by CPW wildlife managers? This seems like major trail construction in an alpine area that needs more review.

Map B. Thank you for moving trails out of the proposed CORE Protected Land designations. The Great Old Broads for Wilderness group has been working diligently with our partners to secure this land as part of an important state and national initiative.

I concur with the Colorado Backcounty Hunters and Anglers who have expressed their concerns about important elk habitat areas around CR9 Access, CR5 Proposed 1, CR5 Proposed 2, and the Blue Lakes road. Have these proposed trails been reviewed by CPW wildlife managers? CPW’s draft *Colorado’s Guide to Planning Trails with Wildlife in Mind* has information on how to evaluate wildlife habitat and make decisions on rerouting trails to avoid wildlife disturbances.

Owl Creek Pass Map C. I appreciate the rerouting of the Silverjack Concept trail closer to the road and eliminating the Silverjack Traverse.

Map C lists 31.5 mile of existing trail that needs improvement and 13.5 miles proposed trails. Given the costs (financial, as well as habitat costs), I feel the proposal should emphasize trail maintenance before proposing new trails. The CPW Non-motorized Trails Grant Program has recognized this distinction by separating maintenance grants from new construction grants.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on your proposal.

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