



Town of Palmer Lake

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Mr. Tom Mowle

Colorado Mountain Club – Pikes Peak Chair

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Mr. Mowle:

On March 5, 2013, you, as a representative of the Colorado Mountain Club, appeared before the Palmer Lake Town Board requesting permission to re-align the Ice Cave Creek Trail. This trail, which originates on Town property near the first reservoir, is a multi-use, non-motorized trail.

The Town Board granted this request, with you stating you wanted to keep this a "sustainable, family- friendly, trail".

A number of months ago, concerns and complaints were being expressed that the re-route construction was creating a "hikers only" trail. In your presentation there was no mention of the exclusion of mountain bikes on this trail. However, upon Town inspection of this trail, clearly the design of the trail is not conducive to "family- friendly" bicycling.

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The re-route design has too many switchbacks that are so tight it's unsafe for even the most skilled mountain bicyclist to ride around them. Many are V-shaped, some even have steps built into them, thus excluding bicyclists.

As the Town has a large number of active mountain bikers, this exclusion of them is unacceptable.

Because of this, the Town of Palmer Lake requests the lower portion of the re-route be re-designed and re-built to return to being a safe, "family-friendly" trail, including the use of mountain bikes by all skill levels.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nikki McDonald". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nikki McDonald, Mayor

Town of Palmer Lake

Cc: Friends of Monument Preserve