



The Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA) would like to provide comments in regards to the suggestion of rerouting the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) in the Hauser Mountain Wilderness vicinity, mentioned in the Re-circulated DEIR/DEIS in relation to Alternative D. As the Southern California Regional Representative, Suzanne Wilson, mentioned in a phone call with the Aspen Environmental Group, rerouting the Pacific Crest Trail is a viable option *if* it provides a more wild and scenic setting, and is an environmentally sustainable route that can be built and maintained within reasonable costs. If this option remains on the table throughout the process of creating the final EIR/EIS, the PCTA requests that our organization be a key player in the effort to design the reroute, along with the land managers (namely the Cleveland National Forest and the Bureau of Land Management). The reroute would be strongly opposed if it involves putting the Trail alignment on a road (paved or dirt), creating more visual impact, or moving the current route from public to private land. Ultimately the overall manager of the PCT, which is the United States Forest Service, would have to agree that the new alignment does, in fact, provide a superior experience, more congruent with the themes of a National Scenic Trail, and that it is also a more stable trail environmentally. Finally, the USFS would have to approve of the new alignment through a series of signatures. Please continue to work the PCTA on this matter and contact Suzanne Wilson with any further questions.

Sincerely,

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