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Comments:

As a mountain biker, I enjoy outdoor recreation on the Custer Gallatin National Forest and am grateful for the opportunity to participate in the forest plan revision. I am also an adjacent land owner (specifically in the Mile Creek area). After spending time on trails here, I made it a goal 8 years ago to purchase land in this incredible area. After saving my hard earned money, I found a location for myself and my wife to have our recreational dream spot. These trails are near and dear to our hearts.

I support the Gallatin Forest Partnership agreement as well as the Outdoor Alliance Vision recommendation. I am especially proud to be part of collaborative efforts by mountain bikers and horseback users every year to conduct trail work projects through donating time and efforts yearly so that all users can enjoy the solitude and beauty of the Henry Lake Mountains on well maintained trails in the Lionhead, Sheep Lake, Coffin Lakes trails as well as Taylor Fork and Porcupine Creek Trails. These areas bring people together, revenue to the local community, and awareness of our natural resources and diminishing wild areas.

I recommend designating the Lionhead area as a non-motorized Backcountry Area (ROS semi-primitive non-motorized in summer, primitive in winter), as an alternative to including it in the forest plan's current Recommended Wilderness. It is important to preserve the wild, undeveloped character of the Lionhead area while continuing to allow mountain bike use.

I support a non-motorized Backcountry Area designation to preserve Porcupine-Buffalo Horn and West Pine for current and future mountain biking opportunities.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a comment.