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I am 60 years old and have lived in Bozeman 25 years at the base of Leverich Canyon. I have witnessed what increased mountain bike activity can do to otherwise backcountry areas. My main concern is the disruption of wildlife. I used to witness moose, bear, mountain lions, deer and elk daily on my trail runs and hikes. Since the improvement of the trail I rarely see any wildlife.

I am a big proponent of establishing wilderness to preserve the little bit of wild lands left in the state. Less than 4% of Montanas landbase is currently designated Wilderness. We need to do what we can to maintain wildlife corridors to preserve one of the things that is so important to Montana.