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Comments:

I am an avid mountain biker on the Custer Gallatin National Forest and I strongly support the Outdoor Alliance MT vision for the Forest Plan. More specifically, I support OAMT's recommendation to manage the Lionhead area as a Backcountry Area; I support the Gallatin Forest Partnership's agreement; I support a Backcountry designation for the Buffalo Horn - Porcupine; and I support a Backcountry designation for the West Pine area.

Mountain biking provides a unique opportunity to engage the backcountry and volunteering for trail work days with local biking clubs has fostered my passion for public lands conservation. The dedication mountain bikers have shown to areas like the Lionhead and West Pine are inspiring examples of what ordinary citizens can do to protect and enhance the resources they love.

I firmly believe that mountain bikers are a cornerstone of the public-lands conservation community and that any plan for the future of the Custer Gallatin should include continued bike access to areas historically accessed by bike.

Thank you for this opportunity to share my views.