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Hello

I'd like provide you with my feedback regarding the proposed travel plan alternatives.

Some background about myself. I am a mountain biker, trail runner, hiker, swimmer, kayak-er, skier, a general outdoor enthusiast. I have lived in three states during my life, and Montana is by a wide margin the best state to live in because of the outdoor recreational opportunities currently available.

Although I currently live in Texas, I lived in Bozeman from 1998 through 2008, and I hope to retire in Montana in a few years, and enjoy the year round outdoor fun again. I'm currently lucky enough to spend a few month each summer in the Bozeman area.

During those few months each year I'm in Montana, I not only ride and hike the trails, I've also try to participate in trail building and maintenance activities.

Overall I love the current level access (Option A I believe). Two years ago, I broke my leg, and as part of my recovery, my physical therapist and I have a goal to ride (ALL!) the trails that I have enjoyed so much over the years. Currently, my short term goal this summer is to ride the Goose Creek / Chestnut mountain loop. This is great ride, with great views of several mountain ranges, and views of the valleys. It's just a short drive from Bozeman. In my younger days, I was able to ride my bike from Bozeman, and complete the loop.

I also have some fantastic memories of riding and hiking many of the trails in the mountains around Bozeman (Madison, Gallatin, East and West Bridgers, and the Bangtails). There have been several new trails opened in the last several years that are fun to ride, but there some classic trails in these mountains (Shafthouse, Ross pass, Bangtail divide, Mystic Lake, Chestnut, History Rock, South Cottonwood, Hood Creek, Garnet Mountain, Porcupine / Buffalo Horn, and Mile Creek) that always bring a smile to me and my friends when we ride them.

I hope my feedback has helped.

Thank you for your time and attention.