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December 17, 2020

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RE: Sand Lake Restoration Project #53176 Scoping
Secondary Public Comment – December 2020

Dear Mr. Conroy,
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I have reviewed the published November 17, 2020 analysis information regarding the Sand Lake Restoration Project #53176. In response to the Public Comment period published November 25, 2020, I am submitting the following comments for plan consideration. My particular concern of the plan is that of establishing new trails / mountain bike trails/ mountain bike skills area.

I am in opposition to projects such as this, allowing building of trails / mountain bike trails for the following reasons:

- Allow/promote exclusive use of forest service lands for private party personal interests & gain. This is most evident with recent advertisements promoting the project as if it were already approved. (Attachment 1 - reference web page:)
- Allowing building of trails, which may infringe (or potentially infringe) on Natural Areas, wildlife habitat, and private properties. This has been identified in the reference environmental assessment report.
- I am in opposition to including the 1134 road, with the establishing of trails. The 1134 road is a decommissioned /waterbar road (since the early 1990s), which is adjacent to the Reneke Creek Natural Area. Lands to the South and West are all private lands and also serve as the water system to Tierra Del Mar. Promoting trail establishment at the head of / along the 1134 road allows potential for disturbances to the adjacent concerns.
- Trail systems require access and parking. This is limited in the outlined region without major improvements.
- “Build it and they will come”. This selected area cannot sustain the inundation of users, and consideration for public safety, enforcement, and operations of the trail system must be further analyzed. (Consider what happened with Sand Lake Recreation Area).

Thank you for considering this in the planning of the project. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Respectfully,

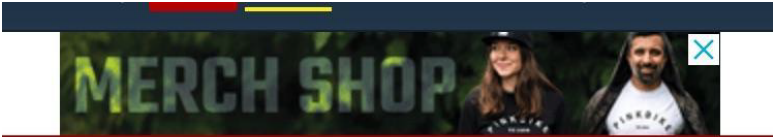
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Attachment 1: www.pinkbike.com/news/support-oregons-newest-trail-system-and-you-could-win-a-norco-sight.html?fbclid=IwAR3OWkwd1VrDvU9MMwgnHi7h8I5i57oxPux6MV5-Z2WDdcBeqU1ymmz03E00

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