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Re: Bitterroot Front Project

The Western Montana Climbing Coalition is a local non-profit organization concerned with climbing access and maintenance. As such we would like to partner with the Bitterroot National Forest to improve recreation and mitigate issues through the Bitterroot front project. The Bitterroot front Project activities that we would be particularly interested in collaborating with include recreation management, trail maintenance, and noxious weed treatments.

Specifically, trail and staging areas at the popular Mill Creek north rim would benefit from erosion control and noxious weed treatments/ native vegetation regrowth. By implementing natural materials to stabilize the staging area and trail, recreation can be sustainable, and the natural characteristics of the area improved. Other aspects that the coalition may be able to aid with through the Bitterroot front project could include, climbing specific signage at trailheads and communicating project activities to members.

We ask that we continue to be informed as this project continues and hope to work with the forest service as a volunteer entity to improve climbing recreation on the Bitterroot National Forest.

Sincerely,

Western Montana Climbing Coalition

Katie Williams

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