

18. When I saw the contract for the new trail construction was awarded to Bo Trails, Inc., the next day, I began researching the company and found that Bo Trails, Inc began as a landscaping company, eventually shifting to trail creation and maintenance, especially mountain bike and BMX parks. At the Jan.31, 2018, first selective meeting, on the reroute proposal, which was stacked with mountain bike advocates, I recall one of the major reroute advocates, Dale Sexton, owner of a Livingston business, Timber Trails, an outdoor gear shop, which deals with mountain bikes, stating this reroute, “would be a world class mountain bike trail.” I believe the zigzagging contours are specifically to create a downhill mountain bike course.

19. The Porcupine Ibex Trail Project is fiscally irresponsible, harms users who currently enjoy using and accessing the trails covered by the 2006 Travel Plan and grossly mismanages our current trail system. The current trails, which the project will obliterate and “relinquish” as part of the easement exchange, provide access for multiple use, including motorized use, around the periphery of important wildlife habitat – a benefit for both stakeholder issues. The new trail, by contrast, will reduce usability but also compromise key wildlife habitat. I do not see the need for the relocation. It makes more fiscal, managerial and policy sense to maintain the trails we already have and use the railroad grant access we already have.

20. If the Porcupine Ibex Trail Project goes forward, my interest in using trails 267 and 195 as they currently exist and my interests in conserving the big game habitat in the area and ensuring