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To whom it may concern,

Soulen Livestock is a range sheep business, first established in 1926 and has been running sheep in the mountains around McCall for close to 100 years. We are not opposed to recreation or other uses of the land, however we do want to protect our grazing allotments and the ability to move our sheep in and out of the forest. Our trailing routes through bear Basin are critical for us to move onto our forest allotments and I don't want to see mountain bike trails or a motorcycle area eliminating our stock driveway. We also have to have access roads left open to get to our sheep camps or to get the sheep to different allotments. We also need to have the road to Sater Meadows open from Sept. 15 – Oct. 1 for trucks to come in and haul our lambs to market. Unlike many people who enjoy the forests of McCall we pay a grazing fee and are glad to do so to be Able to utilize the forage, however if our access to that forage is cut off it does us no good, and the well could put us out of business.

Harry C. Soulen

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