



## Central Idaho Trail Riders Alliance

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To whom it may concern,

Central Idaho Trail Riders Alliance (CITRA) is a McCall based, single-track dirt bike club. We have approximately 115 active members. We have actively participated in the Payette Forest Coalition and then the Land Allocation Committee since the inception of both committees. CITRA is a family-oriented motorcycle trail riding club, and we host several events each year. Our members enjoy camping and responsible recreational trail riding all over the State of Idaho. Members contribute hundreds of volunteer hours every year maintaining trails on the Payette and Boise National Forests, to the benefit of all users, not just motorized. Improved forest health and access are very important to our members, so we appreciate the opportunity to comment on this Project.

We support vegetation management to protect our forests from the potential threat of wildfire.

We have several concerns within the proposed project. First the decommissioning of roads on our forest is going to further exasperate the problems we are facing today. As stated in section 1.3.8 of the project:

*1.3.8 Recreation Management*

*There is a need to address recreational use in the project area to meet Forest Plan desired conditions to address user safety and recreation conflicts while maintaining recreation opportunities. Recreational use has increased in the project area resulting in conflicts between user groups and causing harmful impacts to other forest resources from dispersed recreation and unauthorized motorized use.*

Since recreation has increased, we should not decrease the number of roads in the project area, that would confine the problem to a smaller area thus increasing user conflict and unauthorized use. Instead, take a look at the 96 miles of roads on the decommission list and consider adding them in as legitimate routes used for recreation.

We also believe that much of the unauthorized use on the forest is because of lack of signage and education. The motorized vehicle map that is distributed by the forest service is hard to read with no topography or identifying landmarks. The money would be better spent on signage at trailheads, and in large parking areas.



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Rather than deciding to decommission roads at the first sign of misuse, we should start with educating the public and our visitors which routes are legal to travel on.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project.

Respectfully,

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