

March 23, 2024

To: Lolo National Forest Supervisor's Office

From: Larry Dent, Mountain Biking Recreationalist

Regarding: Lolo National Forest Land Management Plan Revision

The Lolo National Forest Plan Revision Team:

I am a mountain biker enthusiast and appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Lolo National Forest Land Management Plan Revision. The primary objective of this comment is to support the recommendations of the revised plan to accommodate mountain biking on the State Line Trail. Backcountry biking on this trail provides a unique experience that enhances the quality of life available to those who live in this beautiful region we cherish. The views, solitude, and primitive setting are phenomenal. Being able to traverse this trail on a mountain bike provides the means to make this natural experience worthwhile and meaningful. Coordinating access to this trail with the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest shows incredible foresight and planning. For example, linking the trail to allow a biker to loop Heart Lake is brilliant. It improves the overall experience of solitude and accomplishment. Out and back trails do not disperse the travelers and diminish the overall experience in the backcountry.

I am excited to see mountain biking access to the State Line Trail by the Lolo National Forest in the Plan Revision. Mountain bikers are responsible users of the trail systems and contribute to the preservation of the natural landscape which we all value.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Larry Dent