



Challis Community Trails Collaborative

Challis, ID 83226

October 31, 2024

Salmon – Challis National Forest
Chris Waverek – District Ranger
Challis, ID 83226

Subject: Big Hill/Garden Creek Trail Construction Project – Letter of Support

Dear Chris,

The Challis Community Trails Collaborative (CCTC) requests the Forest Service consider initiating the appropriate analysis in support of new single track trail construction in the Big Hill/Garden Creek area. Included is our proposal, with a listing of new trails that would enhance recreational single-track trail opportunities that currently don't exist for visitors and community members of Challis, Idaho. These trails were developed this summer by CCTC members who conducted field surveys to locate and identify potential issues and remedies if allowed to proceed after analysis and clearances. The proposal includes new single track motorized and non-motorized trails. Additionally, we identify new and existing trails in this proposal. Please reach out to us if you have any questions.

The Challis Community Trails Collaborative (CCTC) is a voluntary member-based group consisting of interested individuals and multiple partners who meet monthly. The CCTC vision as outline in our Challis Community Trail Action Plan (The Plan) is “to develop a network of trails that connects popular destinations in Challis with parks and trails on the surrounding public lands”.

Sincerely,

Ben Leber

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Co-chairman CCTC

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