



Challis Community Trails Alliance

January 22, 2026

To: Salmon-Challis National Forest

Subject: Comments in response to (Update) Challis Backyard, Kelly Creek Bridge, and Trail Creek-Cherry Creek Trails Reroute Projects.

Attention: Chris Waverek and Lans Stavast, Deciding Officials

Thank you for notifying us and allowing us to respond to the updated version of the Challis Backyard Project. The Challis Community Trails Alliance (CCTA) does support the project as proposed, which is in line with our original proposal that we submitted. We do want to thank you for working with us on this project and your recognition of the collaborative process. It is not everything we hope for when we submitted the project, but our hope is that some of those outstanding things such as the Forest Service national policy on e-bikes will change in the future.

Though the Kelly Creek Bridge and Trail Creek-Cherry Creek Trail Reroute are not near the community of Challis, our members do often frequent these areas while they enjoy exploring the networks of trails that the Salmon-Challis National Forest has to offer. The CCTA as a group also supports these projects as proposed. Because they do resolve issues of trail water crossings and will benefit those watersheds and the fish that reside within them.

The CCTA, as always, is glad to continue our partner relationship with the Salmon-Challis National Forest and their efforts to resolve trail-related issues as they come up.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben Leber".

President of Challis Community Trails Alliance

The Challis Community Trails Alliance is a community driven volunteer organization that is registered as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.