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Dear Amy and Forest Management Team,

I have been travelling and mountain biking around our state for the past 35 years and have ridden in many parts of state and on many state lands and I am forever thankful for these experiences and looking forward to continuing to ride these trails. The Colville National Forest is one-of-a-kind with its elevations, views, trees, and incredible connections of multi-day trail system that is so unique to this area. It is incredibly important that we are able to maintain these riding opportunities for our future riders as well as the economic benefits they provide from all of those people who travel there to ride.

While I appreciate the effort and work that went into the draft plan and alternative plan P which provide great consideration for motorized and non-motorized recreational access, the plan P as drafted will eliminate two incredible riding areas, Kettles Crest as well as Abercrombie and Silver Creek. Both of these areas are vital to maintaining this area as a destination and provide a critical connection to the Thirteen Mile Trail. Please consider revising Coyote and HooDoo to backcountry or wilderness designations. I also ask that Abercrombie and Silver Creek trails be designated as backcountry or into another SIA.

I would fully support alternative P with the above revisions. Maintaining and expanding this riding destination is absolutely crucial for today as well as the future for riding and economic opportunities.

Thank you again for all of your efforts and to hear me out. The CNF is an incredibly important part of our state's recreational future!

Regards,

Kelly B. Baker