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Comments: Ashley,

I sent this same message to a generic FS email address. I'm repeating it here to be sure you receive it.

I enjoyed your presentation at the Incline Village open house last month. Overall, I believe the Management Plan is well thought out and should accomplish the goals laid out. Following are some comments:

-- With regard to facilities for the expected increase in number of users, the Project does not contain any plans for add'l parking or restrooms. This seems to be a significant omission in the proposed plan. Even if the FS doesn't want to provide specifics about parking and restrooms in the Project, or make a commitment to provide these facilities, they should at least note the potential need and say something to the effect that these facilities will be handled as needed. Then the FS would be able to provide the facilities as and when needed in the future without going through another lengthy review and approval process.

-- I strongly recommend that the FS designate the Incline Lake trail (18E17) as a Wilderness Access Trail - Hikers Only, like the Waterfall Trail at the Mt Rose Summit TH. This would avoid potential problems when bikes could only travel a mile or so to the Mt Rose Wilderness boundary, where they would have to turn around, or could be tempted to ride bikes in the Wilderness, which is prohibited. This designation would also help avoid user conflict in what will likely become a popular access trail to the TRT. Suggest that the Wilderness Access Trail - Hikers Only sign be installed at the point where Trail A crosses the Incline Lake Trail.

-- On the map, trail A comes down from the Frog Pond area, crossing Franktown Ditch, to the Incline Lake trail, crosses it, and continues on trail B to the lake road. Trail B is scheduled to be decommissioned. This will force users (who are mostly bike riders) who want to continue heading south, to go west on the Incline Lake trail a short distance, to a junction where Trail A continues south. Suggest building a short connector trail between the two segments of Trail A, which would help rationalize trails in this area. Bikes would be able to go east toward the Mt Rose Hwy, or continue south, and would not need to go west on the Incline Lake trail.

Thank you,

William Hager