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Comments: I enthusiastically support this proposal and encourage the Forest Service to approve it as soon as possible. I am familiar with the existing roads and trails that connect both ends of this new trail and it makes sense to use them to reduce costs and enable this project to be completed in a timely manner. However, the Blackwell Lake trail, near where this proposed trail intersects, is a miserable, steep, cobblestone dirt road for several miles. Can this be smoothed out and made more rideable? Also the south end of the proposed trail ends at a dirt road at the Crestline Trail Head and it gets a lot of use. It would be nice to have a single-track trail that parallels this road in the future. I know at one point, CIMBA was working on an alternate trail beginning near the corrals near the junction with East Side Drive.

Also, other comments on the FS website relate to e-bike use. I have a pedal-assist e-bike and it enables me to enjoy a number of trails that I could not do with a pedal bike at age 78. However, I appreciate that you don't want the trails to become crowded with too many e-bikes. Ponderosa Park considers pedal-assisted e-bikes to be non-motorized since if you don't pedal, you don't go anywhere. This works well from my perspective. I encourage the Forest Service to permit pedal-assisted e-bikes on this trail.