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Comments: Please see the attached letter.

Central Idaho Trail Riders Alliance (CITRA) is a McCall based, single-track dirt bike club. We have approximately 90 active members. We have actively participated in the Payette Forest Coalition and then Land Allocation Committee since the inception of the committee. CITRA is a family-oriented motorcycle trail riding club, and we host several events each year. Our members enjoy camping and responsible recreational trail riding all over the State of Idaho. Members contribute hundreds of volunteer hours every year maintaining trails on the Payette and Boise National Forests, to the benefit of all users, not just motorized. Improved forest health and access are very important to our members, so we appreciate the opportunity to comment on this Project.

We support the proposal in the Railroad Saddle Restoration project to designate a new ten-mile section of single-track motorized trail within the project area (Draft Environmental Assessment, pages 13, 14, and 48). This new mileage will start to help reverse the decades-long trend of loss of motorized access to trails across the region and state due to re-designation of both trails and entire areas to non-motorized.

If the proposal for new trail mileage can be retained in the Project proposal along with the important vegetation management work, the Forest Service can count on our rider community to assist with implementation and ongoing conservation on this valuable recreational access.