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Comments: One Track Mind Foundation is a trail stewardship organization with a mission to provide youth with projects that foster skills, team building and provide a sense of accomplishment through trail work opportunities. One Track Mind (OTM) has been active in the McCall area since 2018 building and maintaining mountain bike optimized trails on the Payette National Forest and the adjacent Idaho Department of Lands ground. OTM has partnered with the Central Idaho Mountain Bike Association to build the West side of the Payette Lake Trail and the Brundage to Bear Basin Trail that is within the Granite Goose Landscape Restoration Project. OTM has also partnered with the Idaho and Montana Conservation Corps to provide maintenance on over 200 miles of trails in the last 6 years including Goose Creek, Bear Basin and many trails across the Payette National Forest. We have a goal to help provide future assistance to improve the growing network of mountain bike friendly trails in the greater McCall area. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Recreation section of this project and would like to emphasize the need for better infrastructure at all levels in the Greater Bear Basin area. Trailheads- the need for an additional parking lot and trailhead on the USFS 451 Rd should be a priority and we are glad to see it in the plan. Please make sure it is in the appropriate location at the existing location rather than creating a new location closer to Highway 55. Please make sure that this and other trailheads in the area include vaulted toilets, ample parking for future needs, overnight parking for trail users as demonstrated by the growth of van and other types of campers, picnic tables, and well-maintained signs and maps to help users better understand the area. Trailheads should serve as gathering spots where users can connect while utilizing the local trails. Trails- CIMBA has submitted a well thought out trail plan that includes new trails to connect existing trails and help spread out use in the area as well as improvements to existing trails. Please continue to work towards developing a world class trail system with partner organizations like CIMBA and One Track Mind. Please include better signage for all users including caution signs where trails intersect roads in the area. The CIMBA proposal will allow for the continuing growth in pedestrian and wheeled use in the area for years to come. Reclamation- Please do not remove or reclaim user created trails or old roadbeds in the project area, many old roadbeds can be converted into the design of recreational trails as was the case on several sections of the Brundage to Bear Basin Trail. Several of the user-created trails in this area provide great single-track connectivity which demonstrates the need for them. Many examples can be found where land managers are unsuccessful at closing user created trails and instead should look for ways to improve them and incorporate them into approved trail networks where they are not causing resource damage. Specifically, please consider legitimizing the Rising Sun Connector single track section, and the portion that is on an abandoned road bed. Winter-OTM appreciates and supports the changes to the Bear Basin Winter Nordic Closure. We support human powered activities, and this closure ensures an area for those activities with clearer boundaries. We would also like to see an emphasis placed on the creation of trails for Fat Tire Bike users utilizing a combination of the existing Bear Basin summer trails and the addition of some new over snow trails in the area.