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Dear Amy and the Forest Management Plan Revision team,

I'd like to provide comment on the Forest Management Plan Revision. My perspective is that of a mountain biker, hiker, and conservation supporter.

I have lived in several areas of Washington State, and have been a resident for nearly 40 years. A major part of why I live here is the outdoor recreational opportunities available to us. One of those is mountain biking and it is my primary recreational activity. I understand the importance of the planning you are engaged in for the Colville National Forest. I would like to express my support for Alternative P with two modifications.

If Alternative P were implemented with the following two changes, I believe it would be an excellent solution for all involved. The first suggested change is the inclusion of Bald/Snow/White in the SIA. The second suggested change is the removal of Abercrombie Mountain and Silver Creek trails from recommended wilderness.

If the above changes are incorporated, I would fully support Alternative P as the best balance for all user groups, and as a way to ensure that Kettle Crest remains a significant asset and destination for mountain bikers. Selection of a different alternative, or failure to modify Alternative P might cripple the area for mountain bikers and would be a significant disservice to the residents of Washington.

I'd like to thank you for your efforts to plan the future of our forests, and appreciate the opportunity to comment on your plans.

Regards,

Jerrod Snyder