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Dear Forest Management Plan Revision team, and Ms Dillon,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Forest MPR. It is of utmost importance to me as a mountain biker that the bike access be maintained and improved throughout the implementation timeframe of the next Forest Management Plan.

With the extensive network of trails in the Colville National Forest, I see great potential for this area to become even more of a riding destination than it already is, which is good for the economy.

Alternative P is a good solution for both motorized and non-motorized recreational access, ecological integrity, and regional economic resiliency. However, two highly valued mountain bike trail systems would be lost due to proposed wilderness designations in Alternative P. For this reason, I strongly encourage you to implement the following two changes to the plan:

* The proposed Bald/Snow/White wilderness designation eliminates a contiguous Kettles Crest riding experience, as well as connection to Thirteen Mile Trail. Bald/Snow/White should be included in the SIA. This unifies all of the Kettle Crest under one management designation and preserves the unique north-south Crest riding experience, as well as uninterrupted access to the Pacific Northwest Trail. This can be accomplished by changing the Coyote Mountain/Hoodoo roadless area to back-country or wilderness.

* The Abercrombie Mountain and Silver Creek trails should be removed from recommended wilderness, and instead designated as backcountry, or another SIA. The Abercrombie and Silver Creek loop should be preserved for mountain bikers as this high alpine riding experience cannot be replicated elsewhere in WA.

With the above changes incorporated, I fully endorse Alternative P. It facilitates trail maintenance needs with chainsaws, allows the Kettle Crest to be designated as one uniform management designation, in turn making it easier to promote and market it as a MUST VISIT contiguous geological, ecological, and recreational destination!

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my strong support for maintained mountain bike access to the beautiful trails of the Colville National Forest.

Kind regards,

Krista Voss