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Comments: Dear Colville National Forest Staff:

I am an avid cyclist and President of a 100 member bicycle team: <http://avanti-racing.com>

I am writing to say that me and my team supports the proposed Recreation Special Interest Area (SIA) designation for the Kettle Crest.

There are not a lot of good mountain biking areas in our State. I only recently discovered this area and I plan to bring several from our team to explore this trail system more. This will bring money to the area. The word is getting out!

Please change the proposed Bald/Snow/White wilderness designation to SIA, to preserve the unique contiguous Crest riding experience and maintain connection to Thirteen Mile Trail.

Please remove the Abercrombie Mountain and Silver Creek trails from recommended wilderness designation. As the second highest mountain in Eastern Washington, the unique trail loop at Abercrombie and Silver Creek should be preserved for mountain bikers as it is unlike any other trails in WA State.

Thanks for helping mountain bikers retain some great trails, and thanks for your hard work in developing an alternative that balances ecological, recreational, and economic development needs.

Thanks,
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