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Comments: Dear Amy and the Forest Management Plan Revision team,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Forest Management Plan Revision. The Kettle Crest area is truly a special place that deserves environmental protection. Protection that still allows folks to experience the Crest on mountain bikes as well as hiking and by horseback. I have mountain biked in the Kettle crest area and would be very disappointed if you choose any of the proposed plans and alternatives that limit mountain bike access. Please consider using Recreational Special Interest Area designation wherever appropriate. Specifically, the Kettle Crest, the proposed Bald/Snow/White wilderness, and the Abercrombie Mountain/Silver creek trails should all be designated as Recreational Special Interest Areas.

Designating these areas as RSIA's offers adequate environmental protection while at the same time leaving the areas open to environmentally sound recreation, specifically mountain biking. Mountain biking is a growing outdoor recreation activity that the local area can use to increase tourism and help boost their local economic activity.

Thank you for considering my letter of support for keeping the Kettle Crest on the must ride list of all Washington mountain bikers.

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