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RE:Colville National Forest Plan Revision #45826

Dear Forest Plan Revision Team,

As an endurance mountain biker, hiker and trail runner, I support the beautiful and extensive trail network in the Colville National Forest. As an avid recreationalist and environmentalist, I understand the balance of allowing access to our natural areas while also trying to preserve habitat and the original integrity of these places.

Thank you for the comprehensive planning approach and the outreach you have conducted with the many user groups. I support Alternative P with the following proposed amendments as a way to plan for the future of this great natural asset:

*Include Bald/Snow/White in the SIA to unify all of the Kettle Crest in one management designation and preserve the continuity of this extensive trail. An alternative wilderness or backcountry designation could be the Coyote Mountain/Hoodoo roadless area.

*Remove the Abercrombie Mountain and Silver Creek trails 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.

Preserving the integrity of this long trail system will continue to make this area very attractive for local and visiting mountain bikers, hikers and runners as a recreational destination. As we preserve and add more backcountry trails to our statewide network, Washington will compete with states like Colorado and Arizona for epic riding opportunities.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the planning process for Colville National Forest.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Hope

President of the Board

Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance