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Comments: Hi Folks,

My family and I have enjoyed outdoor recreation in Washington for most of our lives. We do a lot of hiking and camping, also mountaineering and rock climbing. We are also avid backcountry mountain bikers. As a lifelong advocate of the outdoors and preservation I find myself now in the unusual place of asking you not to designate an area as wilderness because it will limit access by bikes!

Over the past 30 years many of my favorite logging roads and trails be closed to biking which significantly impacts my enjoyment of the outdoors.

The forest service's current interpretation of the wilderness act bans mountain bikes from wilderness areas. Ideally this interpretation will be reversed by congress and the decision put into the hands of local managers, but until then please preserve a unique backcountry Washington riding experience by amending alternative 'P' so that:

- Put Bald/Snow/White in an SIA to permit bicycles
- Designate Abercrombie Mountain and Silver Creek trails as SIA or backcountry to permit bicycles

Thank you much for taking the time to gather public opinion.

Eric