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

I am a mountain biker and generally supporting of alternative P, with some modifications to preserve several trails that would be lost. Thank you for your hard work and putting forward a proposal that is a balanced starting point.

The Colville is a truly unique riding area, one that is without equal in Washington and among the best in the country. The mountain bike community is dedicated to helping maintain the trails and work to preserve the land for recreation.

Please make two changes to the plan to preserve access to world-class mountain biking.

1. Abercrombie is one of the most unique and best riding experiences anywhere. Please protect Abercrombie Mt. as Wilderness, but carve out the Abercrombie Mountain and Silver Creek trails so that mountain bikers can have continued access.

2. The Bald-Snow-White proposed Wilderness eliminates a lot of high quality and long-distance trails for mountain bikers. Please change this from proposed Wilderness to part of the SIA.

Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance has identified that this can be accomplished by changing Coyote Mountain-Hoodoo to Wilderness, and I support this idea.

The Colville is an amazing area, and the ultra-high quality mountain biking in the area can be an economic driver that respects and celebrates the local culture, while maintaining a wilderness-like character of the land. I support Alternative P with the above changes.

Regards,

Justin Vander Pol