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Dear Colville Forest Management Plan Revision team,

Thank you for allowing the public to comment on the revision to the Forest Management Plan. As an avid cyclist and hiker with a family of cyclists and hikers, I take great interest in the changes to trail access in Washington. I am concerned that some of the potential changes in this plan will reduce or completely eliminate some of the best outdoor bicycling recreation opportunities we have in the state.

I believe the Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance's proposed modifications to Alternative P (including Bald/Snow/White the SIA and removing Abercrombie Mountain and Silver Creek trails from recommended wilderness and designate as backcountry or additional SIA) strikes a reasonable balance between land conservation and access preservation of a unique multi-day mountain bike areas. With Evergreen's proposed changes, I would fully support Alternative P.

Mountain biking (and cycling in general) is growing sport and is increasingly driving tourism and economic growth around the region. Preserving these two trail systems will ensure that Washington continues to be a destination for outdoor recreational tourism.

Thank you for your consideration,

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