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Good morning,

After reading about the mountain biking opportunities available to me in the Kettle Crest area, I took a trip out there last year. I stayed in a hotel in Republic, had meals in restaurants located in Republic, visited Republic Brewing a couple times, purchased gas there, and generally patronized the area for 3 days.

The riding was fabulous, and provided an exceptional back country opportunity in a part of the state I've not been to before. Assuming the riding opportunities are not diminished, I will definitely take additional trips to the area in the future. If, on the other hand, the riding opportunities are diminished, I will have no reason to travel to that part of the state again.

As mountain biking is a low impact activity, even when compared to the other non-motorized outdoor activities that take place in the back country, I struggle to understand the rationale for limiting our access to this area. Please carefully consider the choice you make, as the impacts of your decision will be felt for a very long time into the future.

Thank you,

John Candaux