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Subject: Re: Autoreply from eMNEPA Support

Hello. The link provided does not work. I am resubmitting my letter to you, below. Thank you.

Amy Dillon, Forest Plan Revision Team

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Dear Amy and the Forest Management Plan Revision team,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Forest Management Plan Revision.

As a mountain biker who has been involved in the sport since 1988, this plan is of high importance to me as it will determine mountain bike access for the next 15 years or more.

I have ridden in the Colville National Forest for many years. It is one of the best mountain biking experiences I have ever had in my nearly 30 years in the sport, and should be preserved.

The extensive trail networks in the Colville National Forest offer the key ingredients required for multi-day mountain bike riding experiences. The region as a whole has great potential to become a national riding destination. This promises low-impact non-motorized trail use and significant economic benefit for communities in Northeast Washington. The ecological and trail resources make this Forest a unique place to ride, and it is of utmost importance to me that mountain bike access is maintained and improved throughout the implementation timeframe of the next Forest Management Plan.

I understand that two highly valued mountain bike trail systems would be lost due to proposed wilderness designations in Alternative P. Please consider the following two changes to the plan:

The proposed Bald/Snow/White wilderness designation eliminates a contiguous Kettles Crest riding experience, as well as connection to Thirteen Mile Trail. Bald/Snow/White should be included in the SIA. This unifies all of the Kettle Crest under one management designation and preserves the unique north-south Crest riding experience, as well as un-interrupted access to the Pacific Northwest Trail. This can be accomplished by changing the Coyote Mountain/Hoodoo roadless area to backcountry or wilderness.

The Abercrombie Mountain and Silver Creek trails should be removed 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.

With the above changes incorporated, I fully endorse Alternative P.

Thank you for your hard work and for the opportunity to voice my strong support for maintained mountain bike access to the awe-inspiring trails of the Colville area.

Liesel Lehrhaupt

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