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Comments: Forest Planning Revision Team,

Thank you for accepting my comments on the draft Assessment of Existing Conditions and draft Need for Change documents. I greatly appreciate the hard work that has gone into produce these documents.

As detailed in the specialist report on Draft Recreation Settings, Opportunities, and Access Report, mountain biking is growing quickly and projected to grow significantly through the life of this forest plan. I would like to add a few things which are very important to me:

Mountain biking is sustainable recreation. Sustainable recreation is defined as the set of recreation settings and opportunities on National Forest System land that is ecologically, economically, and socially sustainable for present and future generations. I want USFS to manage designated areas, such as Recommended Wilderness, as they currently do to allow mountain bikes where appropriate.

"Fat bikes" are pedal driven bicycles that allow cyclists to travel over the snow. Fat bikes require a groomed or packed surface to be ridden. I would like this new but growing use connected Semi-Primitive Non-motorized areas and trails. Allowing grooming and connectors would link areas where fat bike are currently allowed. The forest plan needs to have the flexibility to change as new yet-to-be-developed recreational activities appear.

These additions will ensure my outdoor activities are included now and into the future. I love to use the national forest and want to do so on my bicycles.

Regards,

Brandon