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Comments: Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments on the Custer Gallatin Forest Plan Revision #50185. As a hunter, angler, hiker, and mountain biker I enjoy the public lands that are open to multiple use, and encourage the Forest Service to continue to allow the multitude of uses for all user groups.

I am supportive of the Proposed Action's direction to keep the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail in Mile Creek open for bicyclists, but it does not go far enough in allowing continued access for bicycles in the area. Mountain bikes have been and continue to be part of the recreation landscape and cyclists help in trail upkeep.

I support the concept of a Lionhead Backcountry Area for the proposed Lionhead RWA similar to the Proposed Action used for Buffalo Horn Backcountry Area. This would allow the continued use of trails including Sheep Creek (#218) and West Fork of Watkins Creek (#216). This designation will provide adequate protections for the area while allowing the next Travel Management Plan to make appropriate choices for users of various trails.

The Forest Service should continue to allow local land managers to continue using their local discretion to determine recreation use in proposed RWAs, including the current bicycle use that so many individuals enjoy.

The Proposed Recommended Wilderness Areas at Rock Creek, Windy Pass, Cooper Bench, and Big Creek Areas should not be added to RWAs, they should instead be designated "Backcountry Areas to allow continued recreational access to bicycles. Rock Creek and Windy pass are two easily accessible recreation areas and should be removed from the Gallatin Recommended Wilderness Area boundary.

I do NOT support the proposed ban for bicyclists in the Hyalite Porcupine Buffalo Horn WSA. This area has been used for decades by bicyclists and they do not detract from the wilderness values found in the Area. The Forest Service should remove Gallatin Crest Trail (#96) from the proposed RWA and manage the route as a Backcountry Corridor to permit bicycling. I also support the continued discretion for land managers to determine whether area trails may have non-motorized uses.

Thank you, Jeff Bradley