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It's my understanding, somewhat hazy, that an effort is being made to create a new Wilderness designation on Cement Mountain and Granite Basin. CB South is the biggest population center in the upper valley, and many residents are avid mountain bikers. Some of the best bike trails in the area are Cement Mountain, Roaring Judy, Deadman, Rosebud, and Eccher. To lose these trails to biking would be a shame. Surrounded by five Wilderness areas, do we need more? Especially so close to a population center where recreation is so vitally important to so many. It is also my understanding that GPLI, with its conservation base, is not supporting this.

I'm in support of the GPLI working group proposal for an SMA in the Granite Basin area. With CB South being the biggest population center in the Upper Valley, I believe a progressive means to manage the Granite Basin area is in order. The recreation concerns addressed by the SMA along with the same resource protections as Wilderness is a win-win for the existing uses and the best protections for the future of this area.

Thank you.

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