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Comments: Greetings, fine people of the Custer Gallatin National Forest!

My name is Laura and I love public lands. I worked as a seasonal field tech in 12 different states for 11 years before moving to Bozeman. I enjoy exploring the local national forest as a member of many user groups.

As an avid hiker, mountain biker, backpacker, skier, and fisherman, I support the GFP agreement. I cherish being able to access pristine back country trails in the Lionhead, Bridger, and Gallatin ranges, but especially the Lionhead.

While the population of people wanting to recreate on public lands is increasing, I think the mountain bike community is responding with increased trail stewardship and advocacy. While forest budgets are tight, the local offices can look to mountain bikers for trail clearing and maintenance.

I hope the Custer-Gallatin National Forest will consider the GFP agreement and I hope that bikes will be included in the future of area back country trails.

Best regards,

Laura Smith