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Comments: During this year's National Trails Day, I was pleased, as a mountain biker, to find myself working alongside members of the Absoroka-Beartooth Wilderness Foundation on the Suce Creek Trail. This was exciting to me as it shows how different user groups are working together to maintain trails. During the trail work, I had the chance to talk about the Gallatin Forest Partnership (GFP). I was thrilled to hear how different user groups came together to work on a plan to manage trails accounting for the interests of all user groups.

My passion is mountain biking and I love exploring new areas and trails by bike. I support the GFP and am happy that by supporting that partnership, I am supporting the interests of the many user groups that recreate on the trails of the National Forest.

Regarding the Lionhead area: For years mountain bikers have worked with the Backcountry Horsemen to maintain the trails in that area, and it would be sad to see mountain biking excluded from the very trails we have worked so hard to maintain. I like the idea of managing that area as a Backcountry Area (BCA). I would like to see the area protected, but I would also like to see the area continue to be enjoyed, and maintained, by mountain bikers. Managing the area as a BCA seems to accomplish that goal.

At a recent SWMMBA meeting, I also heard about the possibility of connecting the Dry Creek/West Pine loop to the Mystical Bear trail. That would be amazing!

Thanks for taking comments!