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Comments: Please make all of the 33,000 acre Lionhead a Recommended Wilderness. Don't let it become a mountain biking mecca. It's critical habitat for bighorn sheep and the recovering grizzly bear. Trails like Mile Creek have already been widened and turned into bike routes due to hands off forest service management.

Lionhead was the one place the 1986 Gallatin National Forest Plan recommended for Wilderness. Surely it still deserves that protection. And if not, what happened?

If you turn this over to the wheeled crowd it will be the demise of the wild character of Lionhead and will be nothing but another outdoor playground.

Also, who will make sure that E-bikes are not being used? They are motor vehicles. They are becoming more common and harder to distinguish from pedal powered bikes. Who is going to keep them out? Here's an example of how these things are evolving. <https://electrek.co/2019/05/23/first-ride-rungu-three-wheeled-e-bike/>

I've backpacked through Lionhead and saw almost no other people. It felt very wild. Please Keep Lionhead wild.