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Comments: As a member of the Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance - Methow Chapter, I recognize that this organization has spent the last decade advocating for multi-use trails at Chickadee/Sun Mountain. With extensive expenses and volunteer hours, this organization has invested deeply in creating the Chickadee Multi-Use Trail Project.

I value and support the goals of the Twisp River Restoration Project (TRRP) and advocate for maintaining forest health and reducing the danger that forest fires pose to the communities of the Methow Valley. I also recognize that the Methow Valley Ranger District (MVRD) has done a tremendous job advocating for and supporting recreation in the Methow Valley. In an effort to complete this project YET maintain current improvements already invested into the forest, I would like to make a few requests.

The following are requests of the MVRD when implementing restoration treatments that affect any Chickadee AND Twisp River trails, such as controlled burns, vegetation management and thinning etc., during the TRRP.

- 1.Care will be taken to avoid damaging existing trail infrastructure when conducting prescribed burns, vegetation management and thinning or when heavy equipment is used.
- 2.When damage to existing trails is inevitable, professional trail builders from Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance will be contracted to rehab and restore the trails in their existing location and condition. If trails cannot be reconstructed in existing locations, the MVRD will provide resources for rerouting affected trails so their connectivity and relevance will be maintained.
- 3.The MVRD will try to avoid impacting high user areas during peak seasons.
- 4.Request that MVRD works with Evergreen-Methow Chapter directly to strategize and develop solutions for trail disruptions and alternative routes.
- 5.For any thinning operations, we request all trucks and equipment enter and exit via the Twisp River and NOT Chickadee/Sun Mountain to reduce user conflicts with logging/operations vehicles.
- 6.Chickadee Trailhead will remain open and undisturbed throughout TRRP.
- 7.Maintain and possibly improve older trails such as the Twisp River Trail and others in the area that are relevant to outdoor recreation.

The following are recommendations and formal requests that would enhance the current trail system that could be approved during the NEPA process of the TRRP. The first two items have already been formally recognized and discussed between MVRD and Evergreen - Methow Chapter representatives. The third item is a recommendation by MVRD staff both as an alternative for equestrians and an access point for medical or other emergencies. Lastly, I would personally like to see improvements to some of our historical trails in the effected area as mentioned in the fourth item.

- 1.Extension of the one way climbing trail "Climb-It Change" to intersect with Wild Turkey and Pete's Dragon. This would mitigate user conflict on the upper section of Pete's Dragon which is currently a bi-directional trail.
- 2.Development of warm-up loops at the base of the Chickadee Trail Head. This will encourage mountain bikers, especially children, to use the warm up loops and prevent riding in the Chickadee Trailhead parking area.
- 3.The approval of a 0.25 mile trail that would be established at the end of NF-44100, that would connect to the recently built Thompson Ridge Trail. This would enable users to access this well utilized trail from NF-44100.
- 4.Improvements made to older, existing trails such as the Twisp River Trail and it's connecting trails to maintain access and distribute outdoor recreation in the area.

Thank you for your consideration.

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