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Comments: Greetings. I just hear about the potention decommission of the Jake and Bull mountain trails. I wanted to reach out to you asking g for this not to happen. My three teenage kids are on the Gilmer Cartecay Youth Mountain Bike Team and our team rotates these trails into our practices in preparation for the race season. This past season we had more than 30 teenagers on our team. Mountain biking trails need to be protected, especially in areas with youth mountain bike teams. Mountain biking helps build teamwork, responsibility, maturity, and a sense of community in these kids. The team is more like a family and the coaches (all parents) do a wonderful job teaching the riders about trail etiquette, care, and maintenance. Part of these trails are used in professional mountain bike races as well. The riders at these races come from all over the nation. Please do not allow these trails to be taken away from the distant and surrounding community of youth and professional mountain bikers.