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Comments: Hello Forest Service,

I am a local mountain biker and outdoorsman. I visit Bead Lake and Sullivan lake numerous times per year to mountain bike as well as other areas in NE Washington like the Kettle Crest and Abercrombie Peak.

While the Northwest has a massive amount of outdoor space for offroad vehicles like ATV's there is very limited backcountry Mountain bike terrain within reasonable driving distance of population centers like Spokane.

While hiking and horse riding are still very important components of outdoor recreation, Mt. Biking is growing at a very rapid rate and population is growing locally while terrain available to ride, especially backcountry is shrinking.

Also the Government is slowly chipping away at terrain with Wilderness designations which reduces available riding terrain.

Within this specific region the primary rideable trail is the Bead Lake trail which is awesome and beautiful but we need more multi use (hiker, biker, horse) trails.

Accordingly, I highly recommend inclusion of multi use and possibly mountain bike specific cross country, climb and downhill trails in your plan. There are a large network of FS roads that can be used as climb trails and access points to get to new trails which would get large usage from the public and provide a great opportunity to leverage the amazing forest resources we have in this region.