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Comments: Nez Perce-Clearwater Plan Revision Comment

I am writing to give comment onto the new Nez-Perce-Clearwater Plan.

I would like for this ranger district to maintain access to the State Line Trail via the single track routes that already exist and where mountain biking is already allowed. Last summer I went on a bikepacking trip through a section of this National Forest that consisted of 30 miles of singletrack and around 50 miles of dirt roads. This was a very powerful experience and was made better by being so close to my hometown of Missoula.

I would also like to see the restoration of access to miles 20-27 of the State Line Trail(738) for Mountain Biking. I do not think the impact on this section of the trail by Mountain Bikers is severe enough to warrant exclusion. Regaining access to this section of the State Line Trail would be very beneficial to the biking community. Hopefully with access restored we as a biking community can help maintain this section of trail so that we can give back to this amazing trail.

I think that with the right access and protection this area could become a leading bikepacking area in the Country, rivaling the tracks and trails of the SouthWest. This would not only help out the surrounding communities economically, but also help you support these natural areas with a larger community pushing for conservation of these types of lands.

Thanks,

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