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To Whom It May Concern,

I'm writing today to comment on the Nez Perce-Clearwater Plan Revision.

I have spent lots of time in the mountains ever since I was a child and have a strong love for wild places. I have backpacked and horse packed in the mountains, and have become a mountain biker in my adult life.

The revision of the Perce-Clearwater Plan will greatly impact how some of the most beautiful places in Montana are used by myself and others and I'm am in favor of the following points in regard to the plan revision:

1) I would like the plan to maintain bicycle access to the State Line Trail (Trail 738) through the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest and also to restore access to miles 10-27 where the trail was recently closed.

2) I'd like the plan to maintain access to the State Line Trail by existing singletrack routes.

3) I request that the Forest Service recognize the Idaho and Federal Roadless Rules which prohibit resource extraction in this area and are intended to preserve the wild character of the landscape.

Mountain biking is a growing recreational activity that not only is enjoyed by local Montanans but also brings tourism to the area. I've taken multiple mountain biking trips in my life to different states and countries and have spent plenty of money wherever I've visited. The economic impacts of maintaining access and restoring access to closed trails in this area are significant.

I believe there is also a significant social benefit to restoring and maintaining access for bicycle use in the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest. When people are able to access these areas through hard work and dedication (biking is hard!) they are more likely to appreciate the wilderness and to care for and protect it.

Thank you for the work you do and for accepting my comments on the plan revision.

Have a great day,

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