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Comments: I object to three portions of the Helena - Lewis and Clark National Forest Land Management Plan (Helena - Lewis and Clark National Forest Plan Revision #44589) by William Avey, Forest Supervisor

1. I object to the Exclusion of bicycles from Recommended Wilderness Areas (RWAs). Use of trails by non-motorized bicycles does not negatively impact wilderness values, and this exclusion . I refer to comments by myself, Eric Sivers, and Montana Bicycle Guild that were submitted on the proposed plan that note multiple locations where bike use has not prevented designation of wilderness, as well as recent forest plan revisions where bicycle use is allowed to continue in RWAs.

2. The Montana High Divide Trail Coalition included a recommendation to create a non-motorized recreation area in the Middleman - Hedges Mountain area South of the Gates of the Mountain Wilderness area and Magpie Gulch. I object to the lack of this component in the plan. HLCNF need to include such an area to provide for the multiple uses supported by a broad group of non-motorized trail users

3. I object to the current boundaries of the Blackfoot Meadow RWA. This must be modified to follow the boundary of the Continental Divide Trail to allow continued use by bicycle users. The minor deviation from the current boundaries would allow for long, primitive backcountry rides for users interested in that type of experience.