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Comments: I am writing to enthusiastically support the Old Fort Trails Project. I most use the forest hiking, mountain biking, and fly fishing, and believe that this plan will enhance the my experiences of other users in the area, as well as those who visit.

These trails will help address the well-documented lack of mountain bike trails across the district. These trails will support the specific routes that mountain bikers seek, including challenging loops and long backcountry rides that are only found in this region at our National Forests.

I support this whole plan as it is, but would like to specifically highlight how important the Newberry Creek conversion to a bike trail and the C1 trail would be to the project goals. Firstly, it meets purpose #1 that improves and increases connections. It also addresses purpose #3 which is to develop a purposeful blend of new trails and relocations of unsustainable trails for a sustainable system. Additionally, this is "low hanging fruit" that will immediately pay big dividends. I hope that as things get officially phased out that this is one of the first actions. Reduce the maintenance backlog on Heartbreak and Newberry (including relocations that would keep sediment out of the creeks), build a short connector, and boom, you have an amazing impactful part of the project done without a lot of money. To go along with this comment, maintenance of existing trails is extremely important. I realize that maintenance is not part of NEPA scoping, but I urge the district to not lose sight of this as a part of the larger plan. Make them drain.

This proposal is excellent, and I salute the high-level planning and public participation that went into this scoping from the agency and partners, including the efforts of volunteers. I am excited for Old Fort; this is a first-class plan for the perfect community to execute it.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment, and thank you for your commitment to a sustainable, outstanding trail system.