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Comments: I am a mountain biker and an economic analyst. From a mountain biking perspective, I agree with the sentiment that the opening and closing of the trails can be adjusted such that they are open longer without adversely affecting the trails. There has been a dedicated group of volunteers that maintain two other trails systems in our area (Lake Hope and Stroud's Run/Sells Park) and both trail systems are open year round. For the most part, bikers respect the trails and do not ride when wet. Please check out the mtb dedicated trails, especially at Lake Hope, to see that the trails are in good shape despite the fact that they are open year round. Although I am extremely happy that a longer opening season is being considered, I would argue that the policy could even start from a position of being open year round with the threat that they can be closed in the future if the trails degrade faster than the volunteers can repair due to, e.g., riding while wet. Note that this is simply a change in the language (current language states they are closed during some period, but may remain open with proper volunteer support), but not the actual policy. The Forest service would still maintain the right to close if deemed necessary. From an economic perspective, this change in the framing is more attractive. My hope for the Bailey's is that it serves as an economic boost for the region. One thing that drives business success is certainty. If the policy was that the trails were to be generally open, more tourists would likely consider Bailey's as a viable destination when planning a winter trip. This certainty in the ability to plan would drive higher and more certain business revenues, and make a business venture more attractive. Of course, we do not yet know how many tourists we would see in the winter and it would no doubt be a fraction of those seen in the warmer months. But, fewer tourists in the winter would also imply less damage to the trails (if the tourists were more likely to ride when wet) and thus the original concern of trail damage if the trails remained open would be mitigated. I want to thank you for considering the proposed changes as I think they will have a positive impact on the region.