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Comments: I am in full support of the USFS and it's partners completing the Payette Lake Trail - Eastside.

Additional mountain biking trails close to the City of McCall are desperately needed to accommodate the many tourists and people moving to our area. Any work that can be done to keep pedestrians and cyclists off Eastside drive is needed to improve safety and satisfaction with our area. Cycling is important to our community and our economy. Mountain bikers are known to contribute both to trail building and maintenance and spend money in our community. A consideration the USFS should make is to include Class 1 Electric Bikes in its definition of "non-motorized" so that e-bikers can enjoy the PLT. E-bikes are popular within the cycling community and class 1 e-bikes are pedal assist models only, meaning that they do not have a throttle and are operated by human power. We hope that the USFS includes the growing population of ebikers in their definition of "non-motorized".