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Comments: I wanted to write in and say how much I love this trail and how excited I am to see it's eventual completion! It's such a great addition to our already amazing trail system. It so great to see see all these organizations working together, Forest Service, CIMBA and IDL, to help create recreational opportunities that benefit the community.

Mountain biking has become a huge sport in Valley County and the idea of creating more non-motorized trails only allows the sport to thrive and helps people get outside and use these public lands.

I know there are portions of the old road beds that might be a concern, but honestly, if it allows us to connect the trails safely with little impact, then I'm all for it! I also think that keeping these trails non-motorized is key because so many hikers, runners and bikers use them, it can create a huge safety concern allowing motor sports on them, I've personally almost been hit by many ATV/UTV/QUADS and motorcycles on the bear basin roads than I'd like to count. Having a way to connect and access these trails safely plays a big part in the continued support for recreation, and if that utilizes old roads, fantastic.

I hope the Forest service sees how much work has been done by the community and by these organizations to raise a huge amount of money for the trails and the coming together of people wanting to be stewards of the land and help maintain and build a trail system on the public lands for people to get out and recreate on.

Thank you so much,

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