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Comments: I am opposed to the development of any and all bike/ recreation paths in the Crystal Valley. There are more than enough bike trails everywhere in the area--including the recent development of the bike park trail system in nearby Coal Basin. Wildlife impacts are already happening there. Our elk herds are under enormous pressure from development, and recreational bike paths in areas like the Crown have already demonstrated the disastrous effects of constant exposure to human activity upon elk reproduction. We also will see elk, deer, bighorn, and moose herds drop in the next few years with the ignorant introduction of wolves to our area. The human impacts on other local trails like Avalanche Creek and Perham have grown immensely--with almost no room for additional parking on any given day of the year.

It's time for the Forest Service to stand up for the voiceless---our local wildlife--and stop listening to vested interests like the biking community who will push for endless trails even though there are more than enough places to bike and walk in our National Forest.

If the Forest Service allows any additional trails in the very small amount of wilderness that remains in the Crystal Valley, they may as well change their name to the Forest Dis-Service, because that is what they will be doing. Please keep the faith of people like me who entrust you to protect our sacred wilderness.