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Comments: Hello, I am contacting you as a representative and board member of the Bitterroot Back Country Cyclist. We have been informed on the proposal for the Bitterroot Front project, and have continued interest in the land management projects on the Bitterroot National Forest. We have a rich history working with the Forest Service, clearing trails and building new trails. We support forest restoration, reduced fire risk, improving wildlife habitat and building recreational opportunities. We are very familiar with the NEPA process required to develop trails and recreation.

With building of new roads and forest restoration there will become great opportunity to build more trails. We would like to help with this process and build trails to connect the communities to the mountains via east to west trail systems. Additionally, we would like to see the opportunity to connect canyons in a north to south trail system as well. This could begin at Lost Horse, Coyote Coulee and connect to Ward Mountain. This Bitterroot Front Trail could utilize the new road system and further extend, connecting north to Blodget, Mill Creek Sheafman, Fred Burr and further north.

In addition to building new trails, we would like to ensure that current trails influenced by the forest restoration project get restored. We would like to be involved in trail restoration as wells and have the opportunity to improve existing trails and optimize them for mountain biking and multi-use. The coyote coulee project is a great example of how forest restoration can create great ecosystems and multi-use trails.

We look forward to this opportunity to continue our stewardship, development and maintenance of trails on the Bitterroot National Forest.

Sincerely,

Travis Williams

Secretary of Bitterroot Back Country Cyclist