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Comments: Reconstruction of FR 72 from Dolly Copp Rd to its southern terminus [a.k.a. Hayes Copp/Leavitts Link XC Ski Trails] should be done such that it is suitable and open to mountain biking during the non-snow seasons. Improving the ground condition of these trails will also require less snow cover for XC skiing and more gradual/even terrain for both ski and bike travel.

To the extent that Leavitts link XC Ski Trail [labeled in Fig. 3 as 'Upper Hayes Copp XC'] is used for logging and skidding operations, this segment should also remain in a condition suitable and open to mountain biking as well as improving the XC Ski experience.

These improvements are supported and warranted by the project's Recreation objectives [page 2], specifically "to provide a sustainable range of quality recreation opportunities consistent with forest plan direction" and "to provide backcountry skiing and mountain biking opportunities and improve connectivity among those opportunities in the project area." Further, these improvements are needed "to provide mountain biking opportunities on National Forest System lands in the project area" and more specifically to provide additional family-friendly opportunities for visitors of the Dolly-Copp Campground.