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Comments: Hello. Thank you for considering my input. Vermont has recently been listed as one of the best places for Mountain Biking in the country. Our geography suits outdoor pursuits such as Mountain Biking and Back Country Skiing wonderfully. I would love to see expansion of terrain that is well managed and cultivated for back country skiing as well as mountain biking. The few areas in Vermont that allow for organized back country skiing and developed mountain biking are gaining much interest and use. Please consider allowing these sports to utilize the lands of the US Forest Service.

The new trailhead at the Rochester Ranger station has allowed for mountain biking in that area to flourish. The new ranger's station on Route 4 in Mendon would be another great hub for another mountain bike pod.

We love being in the forest. We have experienced a stark contrast to the NH forests and feel that a more managed forest in Vermont will allow for a better ratio of hard and softwood species. A nice mix allows for easier navigation for forest users and for forest wildlife.

I hope that the updated management plan includes planning for Mountain Biking, Skiing and hiking. I also hope that our new management offices like the Rochester Ranger Station and the Mendon Ranger Station include designs that allow for the taxpayers and forest users to have an area to base themselves for outdoor multi use adventures.

Cheers and thank you for your consideration