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Comments: As a regular recreationalist/user of the "Backyard", the proposed plan makes a lot of sense! From a recreation perspective in the winter, selective tree thinning in the area could make the backcountry skiing much more accessible and enjoyable. The density of the trees in areas makes it very difficult to ski in areas, but thinning could improve that. The associated trail plan with regulated biking trails (bike only, varying by day, etc) could also improve interactions and safety between different user groups. Plus incorporating some of the "pirate" or illegal trails into the system could improve the overall maintenance of the system. Bringing these together so that they're sanctioned, but remain bike-specific would be ideal from a bikers perspective. The Front Range has had good success with implementing downhill-specific and bike-specific days over the last couple of years. This is mutually beneficial, as it naturally separates bikers to the bike trails, and allows for more hiker/other users on the other trails.

All of this is obviously bias and selfishly from the perspective of the recreationalist. That being said, the potential fire danger is apparent any time you're in the area. There's countless downed and dead trees scattering the area, and it's become more dry every summer. Seeing the fire danger of situations like this in other areas is scary. If there's a plan that can reduce the fire danger for everyone, while also improving recreation access for those in the community, it seems like a great solution!