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Comments: Thank you to the USFS and cooperating agencies for the countless hours of hard work over the years to get to this stage of the Mad Rabbit trails project. I am excited about this most recent step forward with issuance of a FONSI. Your thoroughness throughout this process at balancing the expansion of recreation resources to meet increased demand for diverse user groups, while also preserving natural resources is greatly appreciated, as is the opportunity to provide feedback throughout the process.

With that in mind, there are several aspects of this proposal that I object to and request reconsideration of:

* General - While this proposal adds roughly 40 miles of new trails, it also includes the closing of approximately 36 miles of trails. This is nearly a wash in terms of total trail miles added and my concern is that it does not address the goal of the initial Trails Alliance Proposal to spread out users to minimize impact and expand opportunities across multiple user groups. With that in mind, I request reconsideration to include portions of the 36 miles currently proposed to be eliminated.

* Trail 24 Ferndale - This would be a perimeter trail intended to diversify this zone and disperse users. Removal of this trail seems somewhat random and I request this to be reconsidered and added back to the proposal.

* Trail 23 - This directional downhill specific trail should have directionality of travel included all the way down to the trailhead itself instead of sharing the bottom portion with 25/27 which would result in a multi-directional scenario similar to spring creek.

* Long Lake - I object to removal of existing trails around Long Lake area. The short connector on the south side and the existing trail to the north (Fish Creek - Mountainview) should be included as system trails. I strongly request USFS keeps these as system trails creating triangular connectivity for users.

* Mad Creek Zone (& MRP) - As I mentioned in previous comments I object to complete removal of this area for several reasons - the area has historic significance and complete closure of this area would eliminate any connection between Elk Park & Mad Creek thus negating any opportunity for a looped connection. This area currently sees very light use so potential solutions/options could be to take a "no action" plan pending further evaluation of alternative plans for the area, reconfigure MRP to accommodate for resource protection and/or construct an alternate trail as a connector between Elk Park & Mad Creek (outside wilderness boundary) to create a loop and maintain a remote experience for users.

In closing, I greatly appreciate the thorough work by USFS and all other cooperating agencies and also the opportunities to comment and provide feedback throughout the process. Please consider above feedback so that we can have an enhanced, thoughtful and sustainable trail network that balances growing needs with the preservation of historical and natural resources.

Thank you,

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