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Comments: My name is Kim McCarrel. As you're probably aware, Oregon Equestrian Trails is an all-volunteer non-profit organization devoted to maintaining trails and horse camps all over the state. We have 900+ members who donate over 12,000 hours of their time working to maintain public lands. Your request for public comment on the proposed Cowhorn Trail Cutoff does not specify whether this trail will be open to bikes and hikers only, or whether it will be a multi-user trail. We hope it will be a multi-user trail where horses are allowed. This area is very close to Whitefish Horse Camp, a popular horse camping spot on the shore of Crescent Lake. We believe that some equestrians will welcome the opportunity to ride from Whitefish to Timpanogas Lake via the new trail. We share the historical equestrian trails near Whitefish with mountain bike riders, and hope the same courtesy can be extended to the equestrian community by sharing the Cutoff Trail with us.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kim McCarrel