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Comments: First, I have not heard of (or seen) any bikes on the Area of the Trail that is destined to be essentially opened up to access for simple and each bike trespasses, by the proposal. The area is very remote, and I would like to keep it that way. While not Wilderness, it has many of the aspects of remoteness (solitude, hard to get to, rare noise intrusions, or people) that makes it much more of a Wilderness setting than other sections of the Diamond Peak Wilderness further north.

I would much rather endure the potential illegal bicycle intrusions of the current route on the PCT along Summit Lake, rather than open up a new thoroughfare for bicycle invasions on the PCT with the proposed new trail alignment. Looking at the map, it seems that the new proposed route would have two firm crossings of the PCT, and another section that would be within easy riding distance of the PCT for about 0.2 miles of the PCT.

Finally, because of the existing remoteness of the proposed connector, it will be essentially impossible to enforce any kind of bicycle restrictions in that new section, unlike the proposed route which will be much closer to supervision and observation along the Summit Lake shoreline.

If one wanted an improvement to prevent intrusions in that Summit Lake mile of the PCT, the route should not turn and go along the west side of Summit Lake, but rather continue straight west and go over the historic Emigrant Pass, after which it would intersect roads on the Willamette NF and continue on its way west of the PCT.

If you want to discuss this possible route or my concerns further about this proposal, feel free to call me. However, I will likely have only intermittent cell phone coverage 9/12- 9/19/.

Bottom line, why spend a bunch of money to create a definite problem, when there is little evidence that a current problem even exists. Lets keep the PCT experience as wild as we can, without any unneeded incursions.

Best,

Bill Carpenter