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Comments: To add, many trails closer to Eugene and Oakridge on the Middle Fork District need more maintenance for basic hiker safety than they are getting because of heavy use by Mt bikers and horse riders. I've recently hiked portions of the Goodman Creek trail and the Hardesty Mt trail and both are in need of maintenance to maintain basic hiker safety because portions of them are actually becoming dangerous to hike on. Horses and Mt bikes are completely "blowing out" the sides of some portions of these trails.

Another example, there are several rotting away bridges on the North Fork Middle Fork trail that are very dangerous to cross especially if you don't know where to exactly step and have been this way for years but there seems to be no money to replace them.

The Box Canyon Creek trail is another example of a trail that is not built nor suited for Mt bikes but they still use it and have made the trail more dangerous for hikers. There are 2 stream crossings where portions of the trail are non existent or the grade is so steep (greater than 50% grade) to and from the streams that it is becoming more dangerous to hike. Thankfully this trail has little to no use by horse riders and is closed due to snow a good part of the year.

I would imagine this kind of trail damage and degradation is happening District wide and the need for maintain them for basic safety standards is increasing not decreasing.

If the Middle Fork can't even maintain their existing trails to basic hiker safety standards then why is the district considering building new trails?