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Comments: To whom it may concern:

This is not an "objection" per se, but rather a "comment" in support of the Forest Plan Revision to the extent it will allow mountain bike access (and not e-bike access) to the Stateline Trail, which will once again allow mountain bikers to ride the Heart Lake Trail as a loop.

Specifically I write to lodge my approval of these statements:

Additionally, I have decided to implement the recommended wilderness boundary identified in the Preferred Alternative which excludes the Divide Trail #738. This 150-foot corridor area will continue to be managed as not suitable for summer motorized use, but is suitable for mechanized use, allowing for bicycle and mountain biking opportunities along the State Line trail.

In the Preferred Alternative, all trails other than trails closed to mechanized use would be suitable for mountain bike access. The only trails found not suitable for mechanized use at the Forest Plan level in the Preferred Alternative, are trails in recommended wilderness and trails in designated wilderness. Additionally, all trails in areas suitable for motorized use would also be available for e-bike users. The boundary of recommended wilderness areas specifically considered the desires of mountain bike users and boundary changes were made specifically to allow for this use in some areas (see Administrative Recommendations for more information).

Thank you for listening to mountain bikers and recommending to allow bike travel on this trail once again.

And to be clear, I am a wilderness advocate and do not support motorized use (or e-bike use) in wilderness or recommended wilderness, nor do I support mountain bike access for every wilderness or recommended wilderness; rather I believe that mountain bike use is appropriate on CERTAIN, SPECIFIED TRAILS and the StateLine Trail is one of them.

Thank you,

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