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To Whom It May Concern:

The Central Idaho Mountain Bike Association (CIMBA), a national chapter of International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA), represents 200+ members in Valley County and West Central Idaho. Our mission is to protect, enhance and create quality trail experiences for the mountain bike community in Central Idaho.

The pillars of our organization are:

- Provide a diverse range of trails and experiences for beginners through advanced riders.
- Build trails to current, sustainable design and construction techniques to endure extreme weather with minimal maintenance.
- Promote collaboration between different user groups, land managers, businesses, donors and public agencies.
- Establish a cohesive community of trail users and advocates to imagine, build and care for trails.
- Ensure trails incorporate and showcase our region's unique qualities.

Given the alignment of this proposal to our organizational pillars, CIMBA fully supports the Granite Goose Landscape Restoration Project. We appreciate the thought and input put in by the various stakeholders and user groups to arrive at the current proposal.

With respect to the Recreation Management section of this proposal, CIMBA would like to take the opportunity to provide comments and enhancements that align with the pillars stated above.

CIMBA appreciates and supports the items proposed in the Bear Basin and on Goose Creek trail:

Designate and construct up to 7 miles of new non-motorized, multi-user trails. New trails would not contradict avoidance areas identified in the Decision Memo for Bear Basin Area Trails (2022).

- A new flow line from near the top of Drain to Westy
- An adaptive-rider flow line from the main trailhead down to Westy by the bridges
- A new route in from the 451 road

- A trail that parallels the 451 from the FS boundary and a connector near the bottom of Dellas
- Approximate trail alignments are shown on map 18 (Appendix A). Constructed trails may shift 300 feet either side of the approximate trail alignment.
- Improve the existing Too Short Connector trail (#411; up to 0.5 miles) by adding climbing turns for grade relief and sustainability.
- Add a user-created trail that parallels NFS Road 50839 (1.1 miles) as a non-motorized single track system trail with hardening and/or rerouting to avoid wet sections.
- The Bear Basin area may lend itself to adaptive user trail design (USDA 2012 - Accessibility Guidebook for Outdoor Recreation and Trails), where terrain allows. Adaptive trail opportunities may be considered on new trails or for trail improvement (up to 2.5 miles).
- Construct a new Bear Basin East trailhead with restroom facility along Brundage Road (NFR #50451) up to 1.5 acres.
- Close the existing Upper/Lower Drain trail (#403) to equestrian/stock use (1.1 miles).
- Close NFS roads 50839, 50052, 50813, and 50841 to public motorized use for non-motorized recreation.
- Reestablish and/or reroute the existing NFS Trail 353 (Goose Creek Trail), as needed, within the project area, including reconstruction of a new bridge on the upper end.
- Expand the existing trailhead parking for NFS Trail 353 (Goose Creek) at its southern end along road 50453 for up to 10 vehicles, including grading, surfacing, and parking area delineation/vehicle barriers, and repair or replacement of any existing trailhead amenities in degraded condition.
- Install a non-motorized bridge near Last Chance campground to allow access to the east side of Goose Creek for recreational access.

In addition, there are a few items in CIMBA's original response which we would like to recommend again.

- We would like to upgrade the existing Rising Sun Connector to an official trail
- Continue allowing CIMBA's work to modernize and maintain the existing trails in Bear Basin per CIMBA's original proposal
- While it is new to the area, the Brundage to Bear Basin trail is already an incredibly popular destination for visitors. CIMBA proposes a complementary trail west of the 451 Rd that ties into the Lakeview Vista Trail as a good addition for connectivity and to spread out users and take pressure off Brundage to Bear Basin Trail. More connectivity to IDL trails would also be good. Both the new Brundage connection and the IDL trails are shown in the previous proposal from CIMBA for reference.
- The unofficial Moto trail should become an official system trail so that rerouting and rebuilding of unsustainable portions can take place, access can be closed to UTVs while still allowing motorized singletrack. It is the only motorized trail in this part of the forest.

Moving the vehicle gate on the 813 Road (West Face Rd) from its current location on the Rising Sun Loop to a

location just NW. This would allow dispersed camping or wood cutting but eliminate motor vehicles and UTVs from entering the closed road that ties into the Rising Sun Trail, back across the ridge, meadow, and into the middle of the trail system.

- We are confused by the new parking area on 451 Road because it is shown at the Forest boundary instead of the old 'corrals' parking area up the road by the wooden fence. We propose this work belongs at the existing parking area since it is big enough to accommodate the numbers of vehicles that are often there on weekends and provides a good access point to both Bear Basin and the Rim Trail area. There is also space for horse and ATV trailers.

We believe these comments and proposals are in line with several other trail networks in Forest Service managed areas including trails near Galena Pass, the Wood River Valley and Teton Pass, all of which are administered by the USFS with support from local non-profit trail associations.

CIMBA is a willing partner in the development of a comprehensive trail plan close to McCall and has a proven track record of cooperation and partnership through project planning, development fundraising, and maintaining both new and existing trails on USFS and IDL ground in the McCall area, most recently with the completion of the Brundage to Bear Basin trail build. We appreciate your time and consideration of our proposal.