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Comments: The Bear Basin area of this project is near and dear to our hearts. We were chagrinned to see a bike park established in Bear Basin. We are wondering how this happened. Who approved this? We don't mind sharing the road with bikes, but they apparently don't like sharing the road with us. I have been told that the trail marked "non-equestrian use" is steep and slick and folks on bikes ride it very fast. OK, so how much more of Bear Basin is going to go to those who ride bikes? I have heard that within the "bike park area" there are narrow bridges which are not up to PNF specifications. This appears to be designed to further limit equestrian use. Why don't we fence in the bike park area where they seem to want to ride fast and limit that to fast riding; and leave the rest of Bear Basin for hikers and equestrian use? The bikers can go on it, but not fast. Also, bikers need to be educated about how to handle passing horses on a trail. Sneaking up and zipping around is dangerous. We are happy to move off the trail and let bikes go by, if only we knew they were coming. One of our members had someone zip by and she nearly got bucked off her horse. Can't we have a little consideration, please?