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Comments: I'm writing to comment on the proposed action regarding the Lolo National Forest. I am an avid mountain biker and am also the team director for the Missoula Mammoths youth mountain bike team. Trail access is a crucial concern for our region and it is important that we appropriately manage resources going forward.

Heart Lake Loop, Stateline Trail: I strongly oppose this action without a non-motorized travel corridor established on trails surrounding Heart Lake. I otherwise support the action to achieve large landscape conservation goals via the Great Burn Recommended Wilderness. I request that the Nez Perce-Clearwater and Lolo NF align their management policies.

Carlton Ridge to Mill Creek on Lolo Peak: I support the recommendations for the Lolo Creek Geographic Area.

Cube Iron Roadless Complex: I strongly support recommendation for a backcountry designation in this area which will maintain primitive characteristics while allowing for bike access.

Rattlesnake, Deep Creek, Petty Mountain: I appreciate and support the progressive actions for the Greater Missoula Geo-Area as they are aimed at improving access and connectivity both to and within the forest. We continue to remain hopeful that the user-created trail system accessed via Dry Gulch Road will transfer to public ownership and offer additional trail-based recreation.