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Comments: To whom it may concern: Please Allow More Epic Mountain Bike Rides

I am a life long Montanan and an avid mountain biker. I urge you to allow mountain biking, via some type of travel corridor, on the Heart Lake Loop that goes over Hoodoo pass and finishes at the Heart Lake trailhead (outside of Superior). This trail, which alternates between Montana and Idaho is an absolute Mountain bike classic. Please allow this trail to once again be legal to pedal on. The area is already heavily used and does not have a Wilderness feel to it. Although the remoteness and views are spectacular, you are sure to see MANY other trail users when you are on this loop. It will not impact the character of the area to allow bikes to once again ride this trail.

Please also continue to allow mountain bikes to ride on the Carlton Ridge trail that connects with Mill Creek. As with the Heart Lake loop, this is a Western Montana classic. The area is already heavily used by the public, has both road access and trail access, and continuing to allow bikes to ride this loop will not change the character of the area. This is a ride that my friends and I do every year, once the trail is cleared by mountain bikers, and it has a wonderfully remote feel to it. From the view of Mormon and Lolo Peaks, the burned portion of forest, the canyon like nature of parts of Mill Creek, it is a mountain bike treasure that I would hate to see go away. If only there was a trail that ran adjacent to the highway (hint hint), the scary highway portion would be mitigated. It is a relatively short stretch of highway that needs to be ridden and it only scares me a little! Please continue to allow access to this amazing loop, it is one of the things that makes the Missoula area amazing.

Cheers to access and awesome recreation.