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To: Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest Supervisor's Office

From: Larry Dent, Mountain Biking Recreationalist

Regarding: Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest Land Management Final Plan

The Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest Final Plan Team:

I am a Mountain Biker enthusiast and appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Nez Perce Clearwater National Forest Land Management Final Plan. The primary objective of this comment is to support the recommendations of the final plan to accommodate mountain biking on the State Line Trail. Backcountry biking on this trail provides a unique experience that enhances the quality of life available to those who live in this beautiful region we cherish. The views, solitude, and primitive setting are phenomenal. Being able to traverse this trail on a mountain bike provides the means to make this natural experience worthwhile and meaningful. Coordinating access to this trail with the Lolo National Forest shows incredible foresight and planning. For example, linking the trail to allow a biker to loop Heart Lake is brilliant. It improves overall experience of solitude and accomplishment. Out and back trails do not disperse the travelers and diminish the overall experience in the backcountry.

I am excited to see Mountain Biking access to the State Line Trail by the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest in the Final Plan. Mountain bikers are responsible users of the trail systems and contribute to the preservation of the natural landscape which we all value.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Larry Dent