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Comments: I support the conservation the Great Burn area but oppose including the Heart Lake area in any Recommended Wilderness without a non-motorized travel corridor for trails surrounding Heart Lake. These trails long provided valuable backcountry riding experiences for mountain bikers and keeping them open to bicycles and would align with the management policies of the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest.

In the Lolo Peak and Carlton Ridge area, I support keeping the Carlton Ridge to Mill Creek trail and Lantern Ridge trails open to bicycles because these trails have also long provided valuable high-country and backcountry riding experiences for mountain bikers.

I support the proposed backcountry designation for the Cube Iron area and request this designation be employed in other areas like the Great Burn, Heart Lake, State Line Trail, Carlton Ridge, and Monture Creek to promote conservation while preserving access to high-country and backcountry trails historically used and/or maintained by mountain bikers.

I support the promotion of mountain bike optimized trails, trail connectivity and and trailhead development in areas around Missoula, like the Rattlesnake/Marshall Canyon/Blue Point/Sheep Mountain and Gold Creek area, the Deep Creek/Petty Mountain area and the Fish Creek area. Missoula and its community of mountain bikers and other trail users have grown significantly without a corresponding increase in trails and trailheads, which puts undue pressure on the current inventory of trails and trailheads.

Thank you for your work on the Lolo National Forest Land Management Plan Revision and the opportunity to comment.