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Comments: In general, I strongly advocate for maintaining and increasing NON-MOTORIZED mountain bike access wherever possible. Specifically:

I strongly encourage and advocate for a non-motorized access corridor be established for the Heart Lake Loop outside of Superior. The Nez Perce-Clearwater NF draft plan already recommends that the Stateline Trail be open for summer bike travel. Aligning the management plans of both the Nez Perce-Clearwater and the Lolo would allow access around Heart Lake and create a truly great mountain biking experience spanning both states.

I support the recommendations for the Lolo Cr. Geographic Area. The mountain biking trails leading to the wilderness boundary on Carleton Ridge are excellent and should remain open.

I strongly support designating the Cube Iron Roadless Complex as backcountry. This will preserve the area and protect access for hikers and non-motorized mountain bikers.

Blackfoot Clearwater Stewardship Act: I support the BCSA as was drafted via coalition and submitted by Senator Tester for congressional action. This provides mountain bike access on Center Ridge and creates trail development potential into the Otatsy Lake Area.

Rock Creek: I support the Backcountry management on Stony Mtn to retain access and to ensure a bike-travel connection between the Lolo, Bitterroot, and Beaverhead Deerlodge NFs.

Greater Missoula: Rattlesnake, Deep Cr., Petty Mtn: I 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.