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Comments: Hi, I've lived in Missoula for 6 years now and been out west for my whole life (Wyoming, Montana, Washington, Oregon). I enjoy mountain biking in areas both close to Missoula, as well as some of the amazing alpine, remote options nearby as well. I am writing to support the position of the MTB Missoula with regard to these and other precious areas near by.

Specific positions include:

-Heart Lake Loop, near Superior-Due to permanent loss of access, we strongly oppose these trails being recommended for a Wilderness designation unless a non-motorized travel corridor is established as was done for the adjacent Stateline Trail managed by the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest.

-Carlton Ridge to Mill Creek, on Lolo Peak-We support the recommendations for the Lolo Creek Geographic Area as these trails will remain open to bikes.

-Cube Iron Roadless Area, near Thompson Falls -We strongly support the recommendation for a Backcountry designation in this area which will maintain primitive characteristics while allowing for bike access.

Thank you for your reception to these comments and please consider them in your development of rules for the enjoyment of all.

Eric Fox