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Comments: Heart Lake Loop, Stateline Trail: I support the establishment of a non-motorized travel corridor on trails surrounding Heart Lake.

Blackfoot Clearwater area Trails (Lake Otatsy and Center Ridge). Leaving the trails outlined in the Act open to bicycles is a fair compromise.

Sapphire Crest - I would like to see the Sapphire Crest made a priority bike route for a few reasons, but most of all as respite from summer heat on a fairly high elevation trail. I think that the "on hold" project on the Lolo NF website to create a trail that ties the entire Sapphire Crest system to Missoula is an incredible opportunity and would offer numerous great places to ride.

Rock Creek - I support the Backcountry management of the Stony Mountain area and would like to see Ranch Creek and the surrounding trails left open to mountain bikes.

Petty Mountain - The Petty Mountain Loop is a great backcountry ride fairly close to Missoula. I think it should be kept open to bicycles maintained for multiple uses.

Lolo Pass: As climate change is warming our winters, we are unable to rely on consistent nordic skiing at our lower elevation locations around Missoula such as the local golf course. With this in mind, we recommend inclusion of grooming access on the Montana side of Lolo Pass, specifically expansion of groomed nordic ski trails between Lee Creek Campground and Lolo Pass.

Pattee/Dean Stone: We are seeing increased use at Pattee Canyon, and the current infrastructure does not meet the demand as stated in 3.2.8 of the PA. Improved and expanded parking infrastructure is needed as the demand for nordic skiing in Missoula continues to grow. We also recommend the inclusion of grooming and trailhead access in higher elevation areas on the Dean Stone Ridge and Skyline Ridge 2127-1 Trailhead and USFS lands and roads to the west and southeast.

Gold Creek: In order for users to access the trails we groom up the Gold Creek drainage, we need road access up 1.7 miles of East Fork Rattlesnake/FS 2112 Road from the intersection with Gold Creek Road. We hope the Forest Service will support us in establishing trail access in this area as a future climate-safe area for nordic skiing.