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Comments: Hi there! Thanks so much for reading and considering my comments.

I am an avid mountain biker and nordic skier and live in Missoula. My comments on the Plan as it pertains to cross-country ski trails include recommending the 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.

In Pattee Canyon, 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. I would also love to see 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.

Now to put my mountain biker hat on...I'd ask that you please consider the following:

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

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

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

Thank you again for considering these comments and for listening to our community! I sure do love the Lolo NF.  
Eva