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Comments: Dear Forest Service, I am a resident at Trout Lake. The Mountain Club does some fine work but this new trail is a big mistake and I vehemently oppose it. Let me list a few reasons.

- Parking, There is a complete misunderstanding of the situation at Trout Lake. In the summer time the boat ramp area is frequently overrun already and there is illegal parking up and down trout lake road. The area is stressed. That's our neighborhood and it's unsafe because of the traffic. Don't add to the trouble.

- Speaking of neighborhood. We are neighbors of the proposed trail. Our land runs above the Galloping Goose Road. Why weren't we consulted? The approach is reminiscent of the misguided construction of the now decommissioned Hidden Lake bike trail. Why weren't any lessons learned?

- The area the proposed trail would run through is sensitive wildlife habitat. It is already too disturbed. Lynx and other animals live in that habitat and the human presence is already a problem. Why disturb the understory with a new trail and many more people entering the area?

- Given the problems with the trail it seems the risks far outweigh the rewards, especially when bikers can already use the Galloping Goose Road to cover the section of the proposed new trail. The road already provides a beautiful wilderness experience. I bike along the road with great joy.

A few exciting single track turns does not justify all the damage to the wilderness we all collectively want to protect and preserve.

Please do not build this new trail.