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Comments: Hello,

My name is Reid Harris, I offer these comments on behalf of the Juneau Mountain Bike Alliance (JMBA).

JMBA is an incorporated 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to promote and improve local mountain biking opportunities in Juneau. We assist public landowners (City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska Dept Natural Resources, USFS) with bike trail development, provide expertise and planning work, coordinate with volunteer construction laborers, and plan and provide for ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the trails. We aim to foster community and healthy outdoor recreation, bring people of all backgrounds, ages and skills together, and support the growth and accessibility of mountain biking in Juneau.

JMBA is fully supportive of the proposed Herbert Glacier Cabin. The location, 4.4 miles along a hardened gravel trail, is ideal for beginner and intermediate mountain bikers to access. There are a few public use cabins in the Juneau area that can be accessed with bikes, however these provide ample challenge and demand expert level riding skills. This project would open up access to other users, including adaptive bike users. Bike-in overnight trips to a cabin, especially one in such a scenic location, would be very popular among Juneau's mountain bike community - which is 1,200 members strong and growing.

JMBA recognizes other users - hikers, dog walkers, XC skiers, rafters, hunters & anglers - will benefit from another public use cabin. We also understand there is a potential mine site across the valley and hope any future development is done with consideration for the environment and to provide a pleasant wilderness experience for other users of the area.

We thank USFS for putting this project forward and are always happy to help if there is anything our organization can provide.