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Comments: I am writing in support of the proposed Challis Backyard Trails Project on the Salmon-Challis National Forest. This project, which would establish approximately 34 miles of new non-motorized trail west of Challis, represents an exciting opportunity to expand recreational access for both residents and visitors.

The addition of thoughtfully designed trails will enhance the quality of life in our community, provide safe and sustainable outdoor recreation opportunities, and strengthen the local economy by drawing visitors to the area. Importantly, the proposal appears to be consistent with Forest Service guidance and does not present extraordinary circumstances requiring additional review.

I appreciate the leadership of the Challis-Yankee Fork Ranger District in pursuing this project and all the great work USFS staff conduct in the District.