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Comments: Yes, yes and yes. I have lived in Frisco since 2003. As an avid mountain biker and skier (downhill, cross country and back country) I am in favor of sensible expansion of trails in the area. The improvements made in the last few years at the "peninsula" on both Frisco and NFS land have really made a difference in where I chose to recreate. More than in past years I have stayed "home" and utilized these facilities and trails. While there have been increased in use, I love the fact that we have such a great trail network and hope that something similar can be accomplished in the Frisco Backyard.

I support the proposed plan because it gives the people what they want (More trails) and where they want them (near Frisco where people live and visit). I want to thank Frisco, Frisco Nordic Center, Summit Huts and the forest service for taking the time to put this plan together. Having been involved in Tenderfoot mountain trail development I appreciate all the effort that goes into a proposal such as this.

Nordic skiing - Downhill is great, but as time goes by I think there will be greater use and emphasis on other kinds of skiing. I cannot tell you how great it has been since the bike path to Breck has been groomed. I assure you with a loop down there people such as myself will be utilizing it.

High School access - Allowing the high school team to directly access this loop from the back of the school will be a huge benefit. I wish that was a possibility back when my son was on the team.

Hut - I am a huge fan of the back country huts in the area. As a long time member of 10th mountain division and now Summit Huts independently, I can provide testimony on how well they support the user community and how well run these organizations are. I have been to 12 different huts over the last 21 years on 22 different trips. It is not just about me. Of course I enjoy them, but I have been able to take people from different age groups (my kids and their friends starting at 8 yrs old to 70 years old) out to enjoy the forest in a very immersive way. On my trip to Sisters Cabin a few weeks ago we had people from all over the state (Boulder, Denver, CO Springs) and two from Michigan. Over the years I have taken people from many states (CA, UT, KS, MI, NE).

Having another hut that is easier to get to will allow many users to enjoy them as I have. When complete, you can count on me trying to get a reservation. Again, it is not about me. I live here in Frisco and use the nordic center up to 3-5 days a week. It's about the opportunity to share that experience with friends and family who would not otherwise be out there in the winter.

I hope this helps. Good luck,

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