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Comments: To whom this may concern,

I am writing today to express my support for mountain biking on the State Line trail in the Nez Perce Clearwater NF. I live in and recreate in West Central Montana with much of my recreation activity in the summer spent riding my mountain bike in the backcountry. I spend countless hours every summer working with Mountain Bike Missoula running a chainsaw clearing logs off of trails and fixing degraded trails in and around the Missoula area. I appreciate the Forest Service's willingness to allow bikers to assist in maintaining the trails that we all use and love.

I have been biking in the Great Burn/Heart Lake/Stateline trail areas in the past and I am greatly disappointed to hear that biking is not expressly permitted in this area in the new travel plan! I would urge you to consider alternatives in the travel plan to include corridors and other adjustments to allow mountain biking on the State Line trail between Hoodoo Pass and Upper Kelly Creek area. This would preserve biking opportunities in the Heart Lake and Great burn areas in the future. I have never ridden in the Kelly Creek or Goose Creek areas and would like to be able to have this opportunity in the future.

Again, please consider including boundary adjustments and corridors in the Nez Perce Clearwater travel plan to allow bicyclists some riding opportunities on the State Line Trail between Hoodoo Pass and Upper Kelly Creek areas.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

Matt Radlowski

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