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Comments:

Thank you for giving the community a chance to express our opinions on the upcoming forest planning. As a 40 year resident of MT and an extremely avid outdoorsman I am troubled by some of the proposed changes that could occur on Montana's public lands.

I have been a hiker, hunter, trail-runner, and more relevant to proposed changes, a Mountain Biker. I am an active member of the Billings mountain bike community and travel throughout the state for work and I am very concerned about the loss of mountain biking opportunities around the state. I feel that the mountain biking community has really come under fire recently by user groups that do not appreciate the trail work and volunteer hours that the mountain bike community donates. Closing numerous trails off to mountain bikes is, I feel, going to set a precedent that if left to stand will hurt all user groups as trails that are currently maintained by mountain bikers will fall into disrepair and will be unusable for hunters, runners, and horses.

Action Plan D is not a viable option to mountain biking, tourism, trail-maintenance, and ultimately trail existence. The closure of many areas to any wheeled access in the Bridgers, Beartooths, and other areas will hamper generations of Montanans and visitors to gain access to beautiful outdoor areas of the state.

I strongly urge you to not support any action plan that will endanger the bike communities ability to continue to serve MT lands to the best of our ability. Thank you, Brent Morvay