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Dear US Forest Service,

My name is Andrew Nakas and this is my ninth year living and biking in and around Bozeman MT. I've enjoyed riding the national forest trails in the area and have always been excited by the wide variety of trails ranging from beginner to advanced in the area.

I am writing this letter in support of Gallatin Forest Partnership agreement, continued bicycle access to Lionhead and continued management of Recommended Wilderness Areas to allow bicycles.

For me my bike is my vessel to travel on trails and the preferred summer exercise activity, and without the great access that the bike trails in the areas, then I would have moved to greener pastures years ago.

The motivation and organization of the group SWMMBA to support trails new and old trail building operations is absolutely a key factor that has caused me to stay around here. I've ridden lionhead and several other national forest trails that are being proposed to be taken away in the area and I think doing this would hurt trail quality, crowd other already populated trails and limit access to the trails to many in the community who mountain biking is the primary way that people access trails.

I hope you can come up with a plan that is inclusive and does not limit the access for mountain bikers in the area.

Thanks,

-Nakas