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Hello reviewing people, I am writing to give you my views on the proposed Forest Planning period.

A little about me. Male, 61, lived in Big Sky and Bozeman areas since 1991, avid mountain biker. Former USFS Wilderness Ranger, Frank Church ROR Wilderness area, 5 seasons.

At my age I am still able to ride a mountain bike to wild places that most people would not even dream of. I love the experiences I have had riding the Porcupine drainage and the trails along the Idaho/Montana border. When I lived in Big Sky and since moving into the 4 Corners area of Bozeman in 2006 have had the opportunity to experience the classic trails south of Bozeman.

In the past 30 years I have watched in dismay as in spite of reasoned comments and access advocacy efforts Mountain Biking has been systematically eliminated from trails I have ridden and would like to ride again. Every time this happens we are told that we need to make the sacrifice to help protect the land.

I support Gallatin Forest Partnership as the least bad proposal that has been offered.

I support the continued allowance of mountain biking in the Lionhead area.

I support the continued management of Recommended Wilderness Areas to allow Mountain Bike access.

Being able to experience these amazing areas while using my chosen form of recreation is very important to me and I believe that is well within the multiple use philosophy of the USFS.

Thank you