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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my desire to see continued mountain biking access within the Salmon-Challis National Forest. I do not support recommended wilderness or wilderness status for the SCNF given recent management decisions to discriminate against bikers within RWA's who are simply trying to enjoy nature. Please do not fold at the behest of powerful national conservation groups that are attempting to lock bikers out of the woods without cause.

Biking is a human-powered form of transport that has been proven to cause similar trail impacts to hikers (and much less than equestrians) and has been established as completely compatible with Wilderness as proven with the Boulder-Whitecloud fiasco which I'm sure you are familiar with. Mountain bikers are amazing stewards of the lands and conduct more volunteer trail maintenance than any other user group (on a per person basis).

I sincerely hope to visit the SCNF to ride my mountain bike soon if I am able to continue to legally access your trails. If bikes are banned from the SCNF you can count on my vacation money being spent in more bike-friendly locations elsewhere in North America.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,

Jake Gunther