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Comments:

It is very disheartening to see that large portions of the western Bridgers could have the ability to have mountain biking on the trails eliminated. We as mountain bikers have worked hard with federal land managers to help develop trails and maintain them. Mountain biking is not harmful and is a lot lower of an impact than people make it out to be. We already have a short season here and to eliminate mountain biking on some of the best and most accessible trails in Bozeman and Belgrade will saturate the other trails and cause more damage to them. This could also spur illegally constructed trails which would just cause a whole slew of problems (more environmental impact, not marked trails which could put people who use them in jeopardy as they could easily get lost, legal issues with land encroachment). I sincerely ask for this to be reconsidered. Some of my favorite mountain bike trails are in that region. I understand this is also to help with the grizzly bear migration, however, eliminating mountain biking doesn't solve this. Other users (hikers, horses, runners, etc..) will still use the trails and I don't understand how making it so that certain users, like mountain bikers, not being able to use it will help solve it.