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Comments:

I have several comments related to mountain bike access under the revised Gallatin Forest Plan:

- I support the Gallatin Forest Partnership Agreement
- I support continued Mountain Bike access to the Lionhead region, including the Sheep Creek, Mile Creek, and Targhee pass trails. These trails represent a rare opportunity for long, difficult, and remote backcountry rides in beautiful, rugged terrain. Riding these trails is truly one of the best mountain bike experiences available in the United States, and it would be a shame to lose access to them. cyclists have worked hard to maintain these trails and have demonstrated that their impact is minimal (or even a net positive if trail maintenance can be considered).
- I support keeping access for bikes in the immediate Bozeman more or less as it is now. This means keeping popular biking trails such as Garnet Mountain, Sykes Canyon, Middle cottonwood Canyon, Emerald Lake, Truman Gulch, Corbly Gulch, Shafthouse, History Rock, Mt. Blackmore, Cottonwood Canyon, Mystical Bea, Wheeler Gulch, Hyalite Creek, Porcupine Creek, Buffalo Horn Creek, First and Second Yellowmule, and Buck Ridge accessible to mountain bikes. Time shares are an appropriate way of mitigating any conflicts with other user groups on these trails, but should be used sparingly.
- I believe E-bikes should be managed as motorized vehicles. They are fundamentally different from human-powered bicycles, and should be allowed in all locations that other motorized use is allowed, but should not be considered bicycles for the purpose of determining where bicycle access is appropriate.

Thank you.