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Comments:

Hi,

I live in Missoula, but frequent the Custer Gallatin National Forest for both hiking, backpacking, mountain biking, and hunting.

I believe that RA and WSAs should be managed to maintain the wilderness character, but should not be managed as defacto wilderness. Mountain biking should continue to be allowed, where it is currently and historically been allowed. The Boulder White Clouds in Idaho is proof that allowing bikes in these areas does not prevent congress from establishing wilderness in the future.

With the forest service's continually strapped maintenance budgets, it is important to have as many stewards of the landscape. These quiet, human powered users will help maintain and protect these places. Mountain biking in wild places and the backcountry is about adventure and exploration. Maintaining existing mountain bike access in the Lionshead, Bridger Range, and other areas is important.

I would like to see the forest service maintain/protect/improve legal access and easements to hard to reach, such as the Crazy Mountains.

Thank you for your time.