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Comments:

I have been recreating in the Gallatin National Forest for over 25 years. My recreational activities include mountain biking, hiking and backcountry skiing. I have always supported the current Wilderness designations. I also fully support continued recreational opportunities for mountain biking. Although I am not 100% in favor of Option C, it seems to look at balancing recreational opportunities while protecting wilderness type values.

Various parts of Option

C could close trails important to the mountain biking community such as the Lionhead area including Mile Creek. There needs to be alpine trails available for mountain biking.

The closing of Big Creek to mountain biking is a specific in Option C that I don't agree with. I would like to see Big Creek open to mountain bikes again. I feel Option D goes too far in the restrictions it would place on mountain biking. I am against Option D. Thank you.