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Comments:

The Middle Fork Willamette Trail (NRT) is a treasure in its own right and a means for public users to enjoy the Middle Fork Corridor. Plans for changes to the trail, including reroutes, must take into consideration the high value of the trail's beauty. Hikers, horse back riders, birders, fishermen and women, campers, and more, are important stakeholders in any FS management plans. Trail reroutes should be kept as near to the river as is possible. Reconstruction must restore the trail to its current aesthetic. No single user group should be given priority. Mountain bikers are frequent and high impact users, but the trail cannot be conformed to their use over others'. In sum, trail reroutes need to be maintained as close to the river as possible, within the demands for sustainability, to maintain the scenic character of the MFW Trail. Thank you.