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I strongly support the Tillman Trails Connectivity Project #58134.

This project is important for many reasons, to include accessing the Narrowback Trail network from the parking area at the bottom of Wolf Ridge Trail. The proposed trail would alleviate the need for riders parking at the bottom of Wolf Ridge Trail from riding on Tillman road, which would make bicycle riders inherently safer by protecting them from motor vehicle traffic.

The proposed trail system would increase the diversity of existing trails in the George Washington National Forest, and would provide increased trails for intermediate and beginner riders, as well as provide access to intermediate and beginner trails found in the Narrowback Trail network.

Any development of trail systems close to the George Washington National Forest boundary would benefit those seeking recreational opportunities, as it would diminish the travel time necessary to access the trail systems. This is especially true of the proposed project as it relates to the population centers found in the Shenandoah Valley and Western Virginia. Furthermore, by increasing these recreational opportunities and their accessibility to both local and out of state visitors, the economic impact would greatly benefit the local and state economy.

Please consider this proposed improvement of the trail network as an opportunity to positively invest in the future of the George Washington National Forest.