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To whom it may concern:

I am an avid outdoorsman and i have been recreating in the gallatin national forest for the past 15 years. I moved from the east coast that doesn't have places to go and recreate. My life is considerably better. People and communities are healthier when people are allowed to recreate on our open lands. I urge you not to close down terrain or trails to bikes or motorized travel. I believe that more terrain and trails should be opened and created for the public to enjoy and access in responsible ways. As an avid fisherman hunter and mountain biker we are stewards of the land environmentalist and conservationists. This land should be enjoyed by the people and not a select few who hike or bears. I believe we have too many bears and wolves in our forest and there numbers need to be controlled better in the greater yellowstone habitat. Many places I traveled to by foot or bike years ago are now unsafe to travel to with the number of grizzlies.

I believe it is in our economy and ecological best interest to maintain the partnerships the the GNF has made with SWMMBA and others to maintain bike access on wilderness study areas and to continue to build more trails within the GNF to allow mountain bike travel. I am personally allergic to horses and rely on my bike tires to help ke access hunting terrain. So many local bike shops and more remote VRBOs, bars and restaurants rely on local tourism and people recreating on mountain bikes in these areas. To close any more trails to people recreating on bikes or motorized vehicles is bad for the local economy and should only be expanded as our population grows not reduced. Please maintain the agreements that have been made and please consider re opening trails the were closed to the public in the past ten years. Portal porcupine devils backbone. We should encourage biking from bigsky to paradise valley bot shutting it down. Please consider a balanced approach to managing our forest and perhaps have roads and parking lots updated and built when logging the area and heavy equipment is available.