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Comments:

Like many residents in Bozeman, I relocated here from another state. I came in search of a place to settle where I would strike the perfect balance between work and play. I am an avid outdoorswoman, so the access to the mountains was my primary motivation to move here. As soon as the workday strikes 5, you can find me out on the trails in this forest, mountain biking, climbing and hiking. It's how I thrive and how my friends here thrive and why we all choose Bozeman as our home. The access to the trails connects us to the land. It fosters our appreciation for these spaces and makes us want to continue to protect it. With all this said, I feel strongly about keeping the current trail systems we have in place. I would like to limit new development, to keep these areas as wild as they currently are, but would still like continued access to the trails we already have in place. Let's keep the forest accessible for us to continue to enjoy and appreciate while not encroaching much more on wild habitats. If we were to build more trails I'd be in favor of limiting ones for motorized vehicles (ATVs, dirt bikes) to keep noise pollution to a minimum. I think climbing areas and mountain biking, horseback riding and hiking trails are least invasive and the reason that this is a thriving community. We don't need more, but we do need what we currently have. Thank you.