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Comments:

I'm writing in support of human powered wheeled access to Lionhead specifically, and other recommended wilderness areas in general. Together with my wife and our two sons, I spend some 40+ hours each year clearing downed trees and clearing drainage lines or repairing water bars in order to maintain the trails that we love for all users.

Hikers, equestrians, and of course mountain bikers benefit from the work that we do, but this work is contingent on continued mountain bike access.

High altitude trails such as those in Lionhead are effectively only open to bicycles for a few months each summer due to snow, and in that time relatively few people reach these altitudes. However, for those of us lacking money, space, and time for horses, the bicycle is the 21st century "horse", providing us with quiet clean access to remote places. Mountain bike access to these areas is critical for the people that make the time and effort to get there.

Of course remote places need to be managed, but as has been shown, mountain bike access is thoroughly compatible with other non-motorized uses in the trails in question. I urge the forest service to keep these high altitude and remote trails open to mountain biking for myself, and for future generations.