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Comments:

I and my family of 4 spend many hours every summer enjoying the access to our public lands. Depending upon the trip we may be on foot or on mountain bike. Either way the experience is unique and is done with the intent of minimal impact. When traveling trails on mountain bike I feel that when done conscientiously (monitoring oral conditions) there is very little potential for adverse impact. There should certainly be a distinction made between mechanized and motorized. There should certainly be an overall sense of etiquette and stewardship for our trails. I am not advocating to close trails to horses but I am here to say that I have traveled on trails after horses have used them in wet conditions. Under wet conditions horse travel can make the trails virtually unusable for the next user.

In regards to the Lionhead area trails, mountain bikers have worked alongside backcountry horsemen to maintain these trails. It would be a significant loss not only to me personally but to the long term health of the trails if mountain bikers no longer had the incentive to maintain those trails. I vote against plans C and D for the above reasons.

Thank you!