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Comments:

Dear Sirs. I'm writing to support continued Mountain Bike access to the Lionhead region of the Custer Gallatin National Forest. I've ridden much of the CGNF, but the Lionhead in particular is dear to my heart. It's near enough for a day trip from our home in Driggs Idaho, so we go there frequently. We've participated in a number of trail clearing days organized by Corey Biggers and SWIMBA, and we've ridden every inch of trails in the area. In my opinion, the alpine riding in the Lionhead is as good as any in the country.

In particular, I ask that you implement the Backcountry Area designation for the Lionhead as in Alternative E. In areas covered by the Gallatin Forest Partnership, I ask that you support the policies outlined in their Agreement. In addition to just being good management, the policies I am supporting are similar to those in the Idaho forests immediately adjacent to Lionhead, and it certainly makes sense to have consistent management across state lines.

You no doubt are hearing from those who would support increased Wilderness designation. In no way do I believe that travel by bicycle degrades the wild environment of the CGNF. Bikes belong. The Backcountry area designation gives the area ample protection against commercial exploitation, which I whole heartedly support.

Thank You

Dan Powers

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