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Comments:

Hello,

I am a life long mountain biker from Canada. I frequently visit the USA to mountain bike the world class trail systems that the back-country American west offers. I happily spend money in these the communities around these areas during these trips.

Many of these areas threatened to mountain bikers by Wilderness expansions. i am writing to express my opinion that mountain bikers do not have a negative impact on the environment, especially in comparison to horses. Mountain bikers are also very keen undertakers of trail maintenance. From what i have witnessed in newly designated Wilderness areas is that the trails become overgrown and almost impassable due to a large reduction in traffic. A very limited amount of people will be able to hike into these areas. A very small user group of people will be able to appreciate these beautiful back country areas. This is a shame.

Please allow self powered mountain bikers to assess these areas. Public backcountry should be available all self-powered users groups. Not just an elite few.