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Comments:

as an avid mountain biker who has ridden extensively throughout the intermountain west (as well as my home region in New England), I oppose allowing access to wilderness areas, especially this particular area, to mountain biking. Although this may seem like a turncoat maneuver, my feeling is that as mountain bikers we have access to many areas of backcountry that are not designated as wilderness. However, true wilderness should be kept as true wilderness for the sake of wilderness, not for the sake of recreation and rippin'it.

Mountain biking undeniably compromises the integrity and character of wilderness. Fast access to the interior of wilderness areas is disruptive to wildlife and damaging to fragile areas of alpine flora. Every mountain biker knows that it is about gnarl and wilderness is not about that. There are some areas we should not be allowed to access on 2 wheels but rather foot access to tread as lightly as possible upon. I love our sport beyond words but not at the price of our ecological health.