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To: FS-comments-northern-bitterroot-darby <comments-northern-bitterroot-darby@usda.gov>

Subject: Support for the New Trail Project Proposed South of Lake Como

Dear Mr. Mark Smith,

I read the description of the proposed trails at Como Recreational Area at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/bitterroot/news-events/?cid=FSEPRD687045>. A big thanks to the Forest Service for considering this new recreational opportunity.

I have lived in downtown Hamilton, MT since 2009 and accessible, non-motorized, outdoor recreation is one of the main reasons I have decided to call Hamilton home. I fully support the development of these non- motorized, single track trails (or existing roadbed) on the south side of Lake Como. I believe the multi recreational use makes the effort worth while and would potentially disperse existing concentrated use around the lake. Development of beginner level trails (that are not roads) would also expand accessibility to a larger demographic span and potentially increase visitors and a provide a boost in the Ravalli Country economy.

I appreciate the efforts of the Forest Service to adapt to environmental, political and economic changes in Valley and recognize the need to support growing interests and populations.

Thank you for your time. Sincerely,
Marisa Sowles