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Attn: Keith B. Lannom,

After reviewing the letter on the Proposed Middle Fork Project, I would like to offer some comments that relate to the trail improvements being considered, and submit some additional trail projects for your consideration.

For the past decade, I have lived in Donnelly, Id., and have been active in riding in the area under consideration. After meeting with Jane Crop, and reviewing the proposal, I am in support of this project. However, within this proposed area, there are several additional trail projects you might consider.

Trail 763, also known as the West Mtn. Trail, runs from No Business Saddle to Four Corners, a distance of approximately 16 miles. Approximately 5-6 miles south of No Business Saddle is a portion of trail that, in my opinion, has become a potential hazard for less experienced riders. This portion of trail is on a slope approximately 100-200 yards in length. Because of continued use and the effects of erosion, several large rocks have appeared making it difficult and potentially dangerous to transition this area. Snow generally melts out in this area by late June. I suggested that both Jane Crop and Will Terry might join me to look at this section of trail if time permits.

On the 2014 Motor Vehicle Use Map, trail 213 is a dual-track motorized trail. On an older Forest Service map, there used to be an ATV trail that paralleled trail 201 and joined trail 214. Trail 214 then intersected with existing trail 213. I proposed to Jane that we consider constructing a dual track motorized trail that would combine trails 213, 214, and trail 201 to form a loop trail within the proposed project.

Another trail that should be under consideration is a former ATV trail that departs trail 763, just south of the Poison Lake overlook. The dual-track motorized trail exists on the ground but does not appear on the 2014 Motor Vehicle Use Map. This trail connects with road 593 about 2 miles north of Mica Saddle.

Finally, on an older Forest Service map, road 301 departs road 218 about a mile south of Road 692. Road 301 intersects with existing old logging roads on private property, before joining Forest road 567, which is displayed on the 2014 Motor Vehicle Use Map. It is my understanding that an easement would be required to permit this potential trail to be established.

A number of my friends and I enjoy exploring this area. I hope you will incorporate at least some of these suggestions if and when this project is approved.

Thank you for your consideration,

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