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DATE: 24 June 2013

RE: Mountain of the Rogue Mountain Bike Trail - scoping comments

Please accept the following scoping comments from Oregon Wild regarding the proposed Mountain of the Rogue Mountain Bike Trail. Oregon Wild represents approximately 10,000 members and supporters who share our mission to protect and restore Oregon's wildlands, wildlife and waters as an enduring legacy.

This project involves 5.6 miles of new trails initially, and possibly many more miles later. If this project will be developed in phases, BLM must consider the impacts of the full scope of the proposal to avoid improper project segmentation.

Oregon Wild supports appropriate low-impact recreation on our public lands. Mountain biking can be among those but care must be taken to ensure that trail are located, designed, constructed, used, maintained, and adaptively managed to avoid and minimize adverse effects on soil, water, wildlife, weeds, and other recreation users.

Some of the proposed trails look very steep with lots of switchbacks. These can be dangerous, prone to erosion, unauthorized trail cut-offs by irresponsible users, and rutting as a result of downhill braking.

Please avoid cutting large and old trees during trail and parking lot construction. Routing trails through younger planted stands is preferred.

There also appear to be a lot of stream crossings, especially in sections 1, 5, 7, 23. Trail-stream crossings should be avoided where possible, and thoroughly mitigated where they cannot be relocated.

What is the the land allocation? New mountain biking trails must be carefully considered and may not be appropriate in CHU, LSR, riparian reserves, and key watersheds.

Please consider these issues in further developing this proposal.

Sincerely,

/s/

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