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Bureau of Land Management,

The Rogue Valley Mountain Bike Association (RVMBBA) and its constituents are in full support of the Mountain of The Rogue trail system. RVMBBA represents nearly 300 members and is proud to be the premier mountain bike advocacy group in southern Oregon as well as a chapter of the International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA).

This project will provide a much needed mountain bike specific trail system in southern Oregon. As you may know, Mountain biking is exploding in popularity and along with this popularity comes increased use of existing trails, rogue trail building as well as increased user conflict. While most classic trails are very fun to ride on a mountain bike. Many of today's mountain bikers are looking for a certain type of trail experience.

This is where IMBA has lead the way in sustainable mountain bike trail design. IMBA's Trail Solutions is the leader in designing and building sustainable mountain bike "flow" trails. These types of trails are built specifically with mountain bike use in mind. The trails are designed to "flow" so that riders can negotiate the trail without excessive use of brakes and are able to manage their speed through constant undulations in the trail. Since the riders are able to "flow" this greatly reduces if not eliminates damage to the trail and resources. It also significantly reduces the amount of maintenance required on the trails. These trails can also include "features" to spice things up a bit. We highly recommend utilizing IMBA Trail Solutions or at minimum apply their building standards during the construction of the trail system.

RVMBBA is here to help. RVMBBA would like to be involved in any manner in support of this project. RVMBBA applies IMBA standards in all of our trail work. We can provide volunteer labor for construction of the trails as well commit to maintain the trails after construction. We would like to partner with the BLM moving forward on this project and any other future projects.

We appreciate the BLM's willingness to provide quality mountain biking opportunities. RVMBBA looks forward to forging a relationship with the BLM and we are very excited for this new project.

Regards,

Michael Bronze

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