

Dear committee,

I am writing in support of opening the birch trail loop to bikers. We have great trails in Hixon, but we are lacking in enough trails that are easy enough for beginning and younger riders.

My daughter is 8 and is learning to mountain bike. This trail is at a good level for her to be safe, have fun and build her skills and having her able to bike in Hixon helps get my whole family outside and enjoying time together. Please also consider looking for ways in the future for more miles of green trails!

I am also a middle school teacher and an coleader of our outdoor adventure club. Our club and my family hikes regularly in Hixon and have found bikers to always be very conscientious with a shared trails approach. I also know that there are a lot of kids who would love to try mountain biking but need access to trails that aren't too hard for them. Having more easy trails would make getting kids to try out Mountain biking a safer option.

Thanks for your consideration.

Kind regards,

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