

My name is Reba Walton and I live in Steep Falls. I am writing in support of LD 404 to allow the Mountain Division corridor to become a trail and LD 1450 to help fund the building of the trail. I grew up in Standish and many of my memories from my childhood involve riding my bicycle on the Mountain Division Trail. As a kid, we would go for rides with my sister, parents, and grandparents. Now, I am taking my own children out on the trail. My four year old has been riding a bike since he was one, first on a balance bike and now on a pedal bike. We look for safe places to bring him away from traffic and the Mountain Division Trail is a perfect place for that. Once the corridor becomes a trail through Steep Falls, we will not need to drive far to get to the trail. This is a huge dream for our family and we cannot wait for it to be a reality. We love meeting up with friends and family for trail walks and bike rides and we look forward to being able to do this right down the road from us in Steep Falls. My husband and I plan our vacations around visiting rail trails in other states and we have seen firsthand how rail trails positively impact communities. I would love for the completed Mountain Division Trail to be a destination for trail lovers everywhere. When the trail is complete, our family will be out there as much as possible and we know so many people of all ages and abilities who will make use of it as well. My family and I will be able to safely ride our bikes from our house to my sister's house in Windham using the trail. It's time to turn the corridor into something that will be an incredible resource for our community!

Thank you,

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