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Testimony:

Dear Commissioners,

I'm writing in support of your adoption of the North Tualatin Mountains Access Master Plan. Metro staff have done an excellent job of considering all the components, and competing interests involved in developing the properties called out in the plan. I feel the plan strikes an excellent balance with regard to access which addresses current demands relative to modes of access.

My family and I enjoy being outside and have a deep love for natural areas. We enjoy a wide variety of access modes including cycling, hiking, backpacking, camping, and fishing. Of those modes of access, adequate mountain bike trails have long been lacking within the metro area. The Portland metro area is fortunate to have adequate, publicly owned, undeveloped land to address the demand for soft surface trails for cyclists. My kids both enjoy mountain biking, but our enjoyment of this activity is infrequent due to the distances we must travel outside the Portland Metro area for trails. Engaging in outdoor activities in a healthy way is important to my family, and mountain biking is a fantastic way of doing that. Given the growing popularity of mountain biking, and the fact that mountain biking encourages access to nature and healthy activity, it is really great to see access being addressed in the North Tualatin Mountains Access Master Plan. Please adopt the North Tualatin Mountains Access Master Plan!

Best regards,

Chris Negri

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:

Exhibit D.56