



BLACKFOOT CLEARWATER STEWARDSHIP PROJECT

INVESTING IN OUR MONTANA BACKYARD

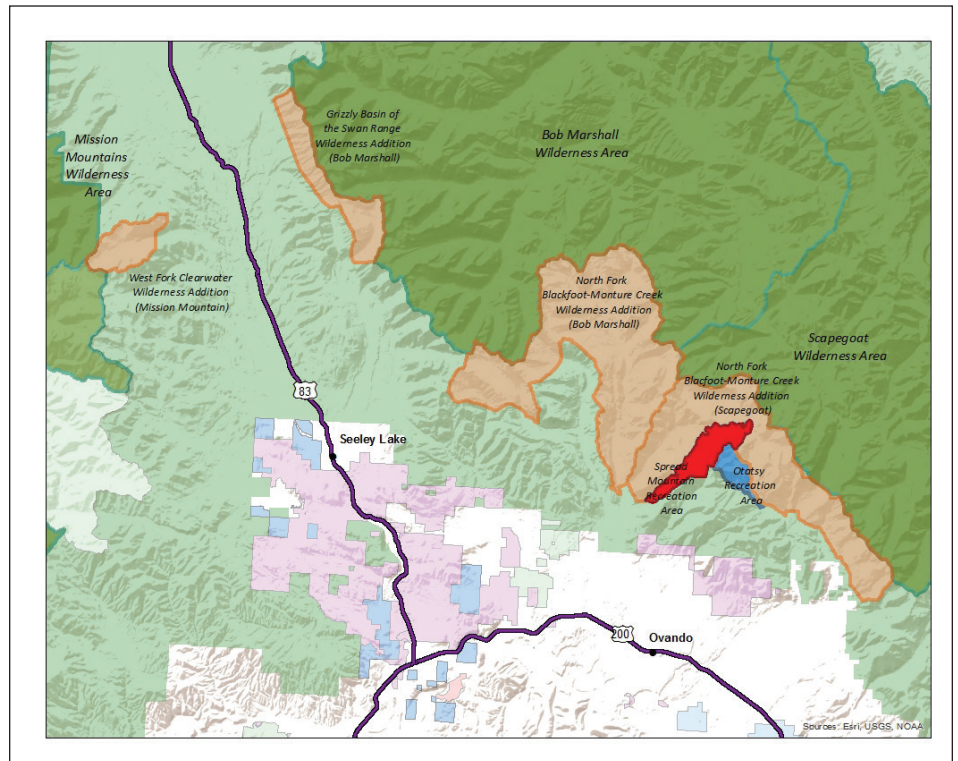
After discussions with the International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA), the Blackfoot Clearwater Stewardship Project agreed to modify its legislative proposal to accommodate mountain bike use in the region. As a result of these changes, IMBA, along with the Montana Mountain Bike Alliance agreed to support the BCSP proposal.

The adjustments removed about 3000 acres of proposed wilderness to accommodate mountain bike use on the Center Ridge, Spread Mountain, Camp Pass-Canyon Lake, and Camp Pass-Lake Otatsy trails. IMBA identified these trails as important for mountain bike use.

Much of the land excluded from proposed wilderness will be protected from mining, motorized vehicles, logging, and other activities through a new recreation area designation.

The agreement also calls for new trails to be constructed to allow bike access from Lodgepole Creek to Center Ridge and Canyon Lake to Lake Otatsy. An existing trail up Spread Mountain will be reconstructed. These trails are not included in the legislation and will require funding and environmental review.

Stakeholders have worked for over a decade to create a made-in-Montana solution to improve management of the Seeley Lake Ranger District. The timber industry, ranchers, business owners, conservationists and recreation groups support the proposal, which is awaiting action in Congress.



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