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Dear Great Falls Bicycle Club,

It has come to my attention that there is a proposal for a bike trail connection along the Sun River. As an active cyclist in Great Falls, I feel that this is a very important project to pursue. Unfortunately, many people who ride bikes in Great Falls don't have the desire or skills to ride in traffic. These folks are forced to ride on the River's Edge Trail as their only means of riding. If we can extend access to the trail from additional areas of town with minimal roadway riding, I feel we could activate a larger component of Great Falls cyclists. I think any and all unused access corridors should be explored for future trail connections.

Many times during travels to other communities I see the positive effects of trail projects. People of all ages and abilities are out and about on bicycles. We all know the positive benefits of exercise and what a better way to exercise than to ride a bike. Everyone can remember the freedom we felt as a young child as we pedaled our bikes around our neighborhoods. This feeling should be available to as many people as possible. I have sent a monetary donation to Recreational Trails Inc. earmarked for this project. I look forward to seeing this project become a reality. I wish to extend my thanks to all the members of the Great Falls Bicycle Club that will use their sphere of influence on this and future projects.

Sincerely,

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