



SISTERS TRAILS ALLIANCE

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Dear David and the Juniper Group,
It is with pleasure that the Sisters Trails Alliance endorse the Sierra Clubs vision of further protections of the Waldo Basin and its associated recreation area.

After listening to your presentation at our board meeting of December 12, and reading the materials the Sierra Club provided us, we have come to the conclusion that the plan merits full support from the biking, hiking, and equestrian community. By dividing the Waldo Recreation area into both a Forest Conservation area as well as recommending five wilderness area additions, the goal of further protecting this fragile ecosystem will be realized without impinging on the current recreational opportunities of non-motorized trail users. STA applauds the Sierra Club for its outreach efforts to non-motorized trail user groups in coming up with this well thought out management compromise.

Waldo Lake and the Waldo Lake Recreation Area and Basin are indeed a fragile ecosystem, unique in the natural world. It deserves to be cared for and protected. The Sierra Club proposal will do just that; protect the lake and surrounding area while maintaining most of the current non-motorized trail uses in the area. The plan deserves the support of those of us who care deeply for Waldo Lake. STA is happy to be part of this support base!

Sincerely,
Gary Guttormsen
Chairperson
Sisters Trails Alliance