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We are writing to express our support of Grand Canyon National Park's proposal to rehabilitate Hermit Road. Specifically we are writing in support of the proposed Greenway trail. The use of bicycles is much in line with the National Park Service goal of preservation of natural resources. Any plan that would encourage visitors to park their automobiles and walk or ride would further that objective.

We believe that more non-motorized recreational opportunities on the rim of the Canyon, such as this Greenway, could also serve to disperse some of the traffic congestion that the South Rim experiences in the tourist season.

Our support would be contingent upon the road remaining open to cyclists year-round. We feel that trails like this are an outstanding opportunity for some cyclists, but that more avid road cyclists often prefer the recreational experience afforded by the faster speeds and lack of pedestrian traffic on a road. We would also support the continued seasonal closure of this road to all but bicycles and shuttle-buses.

We would also like to be included in the planning process for the layout of this trail. As cyclists, we feel our input could contribute greatly to the end-user experience on the trail. Please contact us when the planning process reaches this point.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or to discuss this matter further.

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