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Dear Thomas-

We are writing to express our support of West Mingus Avenue Project to build new non-motorized trails in the Cottonwood area.

Background on Flagstaff Biking Organization

Flagstaff Biking Organization (FBO) is a group of cyclists who came together to "promote bicycling as a safe and attractive means of transportation and recreation in Northern Arizona." Our initial project was to put on a Bike to Work Week for our community in May 2002. Building on the success we started to expand our efforts to keep people informed of cycling related issues and galvanize support for better and safer facilities, trails, and trail access. We represent the interests of as many as 300 paid members in the Flagstaff area. Please see <http://flagstaffbiking.org/about-fbo/> for more information.

Many cyclists from the Flagstaff area commonly frequent Sedona, Cottonwood and the Prescott areas to recreate on trails and roads. Our membership, and other cyclists in the Flagstaff area, will be directly affected by this action.

Support for adding new trails

This area is underserved for opportunities for non-motorized trails based recreation. We are very excited to see the addition of these routes. We are especially pleased that this planning effort is as a result of your partnership with our friends from the Verde Valley Cyclists Coalition and the International Mountain Bicycling Association. Please consider their comments and input as our own as we support them fully in this endeavor.

Offer of assistance

If there is any way that we can be of assistance, in getting the word out about trail work events or otherwise should you choose to proceed with the implementation of this project, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on this project.

Sincerely,

s/Anthony Quintile

for Flagstaff Biking Organization Board of Directors

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