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IMBA Bell Built Grants  
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Dear IMBA and Bell Sports-

We are writing to support grant funding for the Verde Valley Cyclists proposed "Upper Bones" flow trail.

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. Currently we have well over 200 paid members and represent the interests of Flagstaff's thousands of cyclists. Please see <http://flagstaffbiking.org/about-fbo/> for more information.

This project would be the first of its kind in Northern Arizona and would serve a large number of riders. There are thriving mountain bike communities in Flagstaff, Sedona and Prescott. The area draws riders from the nearby Phoenix, AZ metropolitan area in the hotter summer months and from Colorado and New Mexico in the colder winter months. In addition, these three communities have a growing number of visiting mountain bikers from around the world. If well executed, this trail could be an extremely high-profile project.

In addition, this trail would be among the first purpose-built mountain bike trails on US Forest Service lands in the area, thus helping set a precedent for this type of construction. As the mountain bike community in the area is trying to establish itself as a good partner with the Red

Rock Ranger District, bringing funding to the District for this trail would help to further that cause.

Please consider our support for this worthy project!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

*s/Anthony Quintile*

for the Board of Flagstaff Biking Organization