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My family and I love to use trails. They offer such a wonderful way to walk, run, and bicycle without fear of being run over by a car. We often use the same trails for recreation as we do for transportation. I don't believe one can draw a line between the two uses. We bike on them to get to a park. Does it serve as a transportation route or a recreational route? Does it matter? I would say no. They allow us to get fresh air, movement, and feel part of our community, while also getting to where we need to go. We support passing lasting recreational immunity protections to keep Oregon's trails open, and really appreciate anyone who would open their land to the public free of charge. Likewise, we feel trails often serve a dual purpose of being both for recreation and transportation and would encourage you to cover both purposes under the law. Thank you.