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I support Metro's recommendation of off-road cycling trails in the North Tualatin Mountains Access Master Plan.

As a trail runner I am a frequent trail user, but not a mountain biker. I think it's important to provide access for multiple ways for people to interact with the natural world and I want to provide lots of opportunities for people to do so. Portland prides itself on citizen access to outdoor recreation opportunities. There are lots of great hiking trails near the city, but the opportunities for off-road cycling are limited.

When I have encountered mountain bikers on multi-use trails, they've consistently been respectful trail users. I have been impressed with the amount of volunteer trail work mountain bikers do to help mitigate environmental effects from having trails in natural areas. I am delighted to support mountain biking opportunities in the North Tualatin Mountains.

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