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Metro is planning to develop these areas in Forest Park for a mountain bike trail. I VEHEMENTLY oppose such plans, specifically because:

1. Development always leads to exploitation, habitat fragmentation & trash along trails. I've seen numerous examples all of my adult life - across eight western states.

2. We have enough people and mountain bikes in our state. We need more wildlife and unspoiled habitat many times more.

3. Build trails into any wilderness area, and you encourage the wrong types of people there:

A) Undeveloped roads & trails attract nature lovers who pack out their trash.

B) Developed roads & trails encourage swarms of people, many of whom will bring dogs, damage habitat and take or kill wildlife. (Dogs will flush prey from cover often, exposing them to other predators in the area from which they had been successfully hiding.)

As a 28-year resident of the Portland area, I want you to utterly, totally abandon any plans to develop any areas of Forest Park. Instead, protect them as wise stewards.

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