

Tobias Project Comments and Trail Proposal

1. I agree with the decommissioning and converting of 24S83 & 24S80 into a 2-wheeled trail. This is a superb idea.
2. Will the existing singletrack trails be protected from transforming into logging roads? I am concerned about maintaining the narrow character of the singletrack trails in the project area.
3. With the enactment of this project and new logging operations, it seems like an opportune time to propose a new multi-use connector singletrack trail in the affected area. There is a need for a trail to link Portuguese Pass with Frog Meadow & Tobias Trail. Mountain bikers have been riding the Portuguese Pass Trail (31E59) from Greenhorn Summit to the recently cleared Tobias Trail (32e34) This is already one of the best mountain bike rides in the southern sierras, and has the potential to be a world-class mountain bike trail with continuous singletrack.

A historical trail (with old tree blazes) continues north from Portuguese Pass and eventually merges with Road 23S18 near the road 24S50. This could become an officially designated route. A new trail could then cross road 24S50 and contour along the east side of Tobias Peak to meet with the upper Tobias Trail. See included map.

Most importantly, this trail would reinstate the original linked trail network of the Greenhorns; which was largely converted to logging roads in the past. Along with the Portuguese and Tobias trails, it would provide a connection to the Pup Meadow Trail (31E53), Deer Creek (31E56), Lion Ridge (31E52), and create almost continuous singletrack from Alta Sierra to Johnsondale and California Hot Springs for hikers and mountain bikers.

It would also create an obvious loop for motorcycle riders connecting Portuguese (31E59), upper Tobias (32e34), 24S83, and Bull Run Basin (32E39) Trails.

If approved, this trail connector could be built to sustainable IMBA (International Mountain Bike Association) standards by experienced volunteers.

Please consider creating these incredible recreational opportunities!

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On behalf of Kern River Mountain Bike Association (KRMBA)



**New
Proposed
Trail**

**Existing
Trail**

Portuguese Pass

Prop Meadow

Dead Horse Meadow

Tobias Meadow

Berry Meadow

Tobias Pass

Tobias Lookout Tower

West Horse Meadow

Bull Run Meadow

Bull Run Pass

Bull Run Peak
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Deep Creek Cave

Cold Spring

Panorama

Portuguese Meadow