

The Tamarack trail is a 'hiking only' trail above the Lazy Lizard, Tamarack trail intersection. Island Lake has historically allowed mountain biking on the trail in order to allow riders to complete Heiko's trail, whether starting from Island Lake or from Hartley Lake Road. Up to now there were small numbers of people mountain biking Heiko's trail so there were little to no issues.

With the apparent increase in mountain bikers on Heiko's trail there has been a noticeable impact to the Tamarack trail. The following Tamarack trail guidelines must be adhered to:

- **HIKERS HAVE THE RIGHT OF WAY.** Please respect hikers on the trail and give them the right of way. Unmount if necessary to allow hikers to pass.
- **STAY ON THE DESIGNATED TRAIL.** Some mountain bikers have chosen to 'short-cut' switchbacks on the trail. This is incredibly bad trail etiquette because it kills vegetation and loosens soil creating a new trail straight up and down the hill, which will in time get large and hollowed out from erosion. This creates unnecessary cost and trail maintenance for the Island Lake Trail Crew.
- **DO NOT SKID YOUR TIRES.** This trail was not designed for mountain biking. If you are skidding your tires slow down or get off and walk. Skidding creates unnecessary damage to the trail. Don't be a skidiot.
- This photograph shows the impact to the trail.



I sincerely hope that mountain bikers adhere to these guidelines so that the Tamarack trail continues to be open to those that choose to mountain bike Heiko's trail.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me.



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