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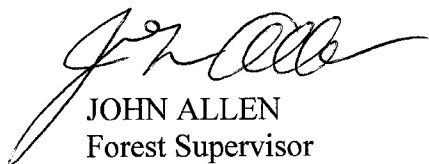
Dear Mr. Pope:

Thank you for your follow-up letter regarding the Millican Crater Trail in the Three Sisters Wilderness. I recently hiked the trail to see the work completed by members of our wilderness staff and trail crew over the past year. Please see the attached photos for examples of work that has re-routed sections of the trail that had become deeply incised. Other areas benefitted from additional or improved drainage, and downed trees were removed.

The Millican Crater Trail alignment and soil types in the area contribute to some of the challenges in repair and ongoing maintenance. As part of our overarching wilderness management work, the program lead has assessed the full length of the trail and identified segments for long-term relocation and reconstruction that will ultimately result in a more sustainable trail tread and experience through this area. We do not yet have a timeline for this process, which will require some analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act.

We are proud of the substantial program of trail management and wilderness ranger activities completed by Forest Service employees and a cadre of dedicated volunteers, and appreciate the opportunity to share the results of that work. If you have additional questions, please contact Lisa Machnik, RHLP Staff Officer for the Deschutes National Forest at lmachnik@fs.fed.us or 541-383-5568.

Sincerely,



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