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Comments: Support for Single Track Motorcycle trails in Wayne National Forest

Dear Rachel Neuenfeldt,

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts and request to add Motorcycle Only Single-Track Trails in the Wayne National Forest.

I am 47 years old, and have been riding single track motorcycle trails with my family since I was I was a small kid.

I love the Wayne National Forest with its diverse flora and fauna.

I have utilized this area for hunting, hiking and yes motorcycles.

I probably rode a lot of the original trails as a kid before they became the wide groomed marked trails that accommodate the distant 4 wheeled cousins that use them today.

I have gone back to Wayne a little the last few years to help my children learn to ride their 2 wheeled dirt bikes but it is unfortunately not that appealing because of the chance of meeting a 4 wheeled vehicle on those hidden corners. We usually have to travel much further to Pennsylvania or Michigan to ride their "2 wheel only" single track.

As a Single-Track rider we enjoy the narrow deer trail type terrain that utilizes deadfall, rocks and other natural terrain. We enjoy riding single track "2-wheel only" trails in other states such as Michigan and Idaho and Pennsylvania. My kids enjoy these single track trail the most. I attached a photo of my daughter entering into some single track trail in Pennsylvania. As you can see- she loves it and it's a great family activity we enjoy together.

I belong to a 2-wheeled dirt bike club, the Ohio Woods Riders, that is active in exploring private property of local landowners and creating single-track trails for year round use.

We respect the land and are very attentive to having the least impact on their property as possible when using it.

But private land is very limited to us and we often travel out of state to ride trails as I mentioned above.

Riding off road motorcycles is a family sport, and this suggested approach will make recreation in the forest safer for families.

I believe that adding Single-Track 2-wheeled motorcycle trails to Wayne National Forest will help bring back riders to this area and make for a more enjoyable venue for families to enjoy the beauty of this terrain in a safe and friendly setting.

Thank you for for your consideration on these ideas.

Have a great Christmas season!

Best regards,

Jamie Hansen