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Comments: Introducing the "partially-motorized" vehicles to Rattlesnake Recreational Area is unneeded, unwanted, and simply wrong.

There is already a shortage of parking at the trailhead of the Rattlesnake Recreational Area (the parking often stretches all the way to the Rattlesnake Drive, and, almost on daily basis, to the adjacent streets: for evidence, please look at the roads, less than a half mile away from the main trailhead, and connecting to the horse trail head on a nice afternoon... There are always hikers' cars parked there, even if there is room at the Main Trailhead parking lot. What will happen to the neighborhood, and the recreational areas, if the enthusiasts of motorized recreation are added to the bunch? It will result in a total, and stinky, chaos. The addition of motorized vehicles to an already sizable group of visitors frequenting the area - and looking to the so much needed today's times peace and quiet - is not needed!

In a big part related to the inhabitants of the streets and areas adjacent to Rattlesnake Recreational Area, there cannot be one good rationale for introduction of partially - or fully (is there really a difference?) - motorized recreational vehicles: except for electric ones, ANY vehicles make noise and are pollutants; What else do we need to know as far as frequenting of recreational areas is concerned? The regulations to eliminate motorized vehicles from those areas, where one wants to find quiet, peace, and a chance to encounter wildlife, have been created for a noble purpose to find a refuge away from the city. Reversing of these regulations is simply not wanted!

Introduction of ANY motorized vehicles to Rattlesnake Recreational Areas will not only alter the interaction and co-existence of the wildlife and humans, but also punish the area's ecosystem. What's even more disturbing the motorized vehicles are liable to push the wildlife further away from the trails, rendering them unattractive to the local and visiting recreation enthusiasts. The Area in question will become a big and trashy corridor to the wilderness... No matter how much regulations enforcements will be put in place, they will not work. Everyone knows that the Parks and Recreation budget cannot afford more (if any!) officials to enforce the rules and regulations. It is my experience - I live in a house adjacent to the horse trailhead - that the regulations (parking violations, bikers on undesignated trails, dogs being let off the leashes) are violated repeatedly, on daily basis. If the motorized vehicles were allowed to enter this already vulnerable to law enforcement area, Rattlesnake would become a noisy, and stinking city park where the majority of people looking for peace and quite away from the city life will start going to recreate and find places where such opportunities are in place.

Rattlesnake Recreational Area is one of the brightest diamonds of the amazing city called Missoula. Let's not turn the diamonds into ashes...

>>>> Attached Photo: cars parking not more than half a mile away from a half-empty on that day parking lot at main trailhead of the Rattlesnake Recreational Area, happens on daily basis on an overlook near the Rattlesnake Drive and Siesta Drive... We do not need more motorized vehicles in this area, we need more people to park where they should, and supposed to... Adding more vehicles, will create MORE parking issues!

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