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Comments: Please don't take away my right to ride the foothills and Spring Tree.

Hello-

I have mountain biked all over New Mexico, Utah, Arizona, Idaho, and Oregon. The foothills of New Mexico and the Tree Spring/10k trails are some of the best year round mountain bike areas in the country.

They are also the most used trails and it would be an absolute disaster if the right to ride these areas was taken away from us. There are thousands of miles of wilderness trails in New Mexico already. We need to go the other way and open up more areas as mountain biking is a great way to enjoy the outdoors. You should be fostering and growing the relationship with bikers, not trying to exclude them from more areas. At a time when less and less people enjoy the outdoors, you can't exclude one group that has become a great driver to the economy while they enjoy the mountains.

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