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Yes, I previously requested that this proposed action include strong measures to protect and safeguard hiker safety. From rampant out of control and lacking in trail etiquette mountain bikers.

This is a threat of injury and prevents enjoyment of public lands use. This public safety threat needs to be addressed across the forest, and particularly in the high use areas, such as the Dry Hills.

Yes, I submitted this request in a letter (US Postal Service) and via the official feedback portal.

This is my formal objection to allowing mountain bikers to make our public trails single use, and to the lack of measures to protect hikers and equestrians from out of control mountain bikers. This perpetual lack of trail etiquette, next to no observation of the trail yield signs (excuses abound behavior remains decidedly antisocial, lacking in sharing the trail) is marginalizing users other than mountain bikers.

Education efforts have not and will not be sufficient to change the behavior of mountain bikers.

I am once again requesting that the FS adopt alternating use days on all districts of the Coconino National Forest, including the Dry Hills area. For example, mountains biking permitted to ride on the North quadrant on even numbered days (no riding on the South quadrant on these days), then permitted on odd numbered days on the South quadrant. Alternating use days is the only reasonable action that will restore public safety and enjoyment to our local trails.

Thanks for including these public safety measures across our multiple use forest. It's not just for mountain bikers.

Cordially,

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