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Comments: I have lived in Tucson for over 23 years now and have been riding dirt bikes (off road motorcycles) for over 45 years in Washington, California, Nevada, Utah, Mexico, New Mexico, Colorado and Arizona. I have taken my son and his friends in their younger years (my son started riding at the age of 5) out riding, primarily here in the Tucson area. In the earlier years here in Tucson there were so few areas where I could take them to go ride and over time most of those areas were closed to riding. What a shame as other parts of Arizona and the other states many off road motorcycle areas that stayed open. I have donated hundred of hours of my labor, many with Arizona State Parks driven cleanup and trail work projects, to help maintain the areas.

I was very happy to hear that, for the Tucson area, an off road riding area, was being planned. I applaud and will volunteer to help whenever I can to help make this a reality.

The outdoors are for all to enjoy and there are many types of recreation that people spend their time with family and friends such as hiking, horseback riding, animal watching, camping, and fishing. More areas need to be open to various types of recreation to allow people to escape the city areas and enjoy the outdoors. I feel with the many "wilderness" areas established and with their restrictions such as no mechanical equipment that those areas that do allow mechanical equipment will get overused as they are quite small in comparison.

Again, thank-you Arizona State Parks for your efforts in establishing an area for motorized recreation.