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Comments: This is my comment regarding trail 553 closure to motorized usage: I do not support the closure and would like to share a few of my views. Foremost, keeping these riding areas open keeps non-locals passing through small mountain towns and boosting their economies. In my almost 20 years of using forests for recreational motorcycle use I've never had an issue like some described such as damage, excessive noise disturbing other users, disturbing wildlife or stuff like smells or pollution from exhaust. I have had many encounters with other non-motorized trail users over the years and none have had a bad reaction to my presents. I would also like to note that my encounters with wildlife while on my motorcycle didn't actually bother them. In regards to #553 in particular I had used it to connect my route and would have been a large detour otherwise. It was a beautiful ride and I was able to do it without any damage to the trail. Please do not close it.