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Comments: As Forest Service signs have read forever, our Federal and public lands, are "Land of many uses." There is absolutely no reason why we all can't come together to better maintain, improve, and designate new routes. We need to come together instead of childishy butting heads. There is plenty of designation for each group, as most others would agree.

As for the mountain-biking community, I am observing a large sense of greed associated with these people. I myself am a super avid mountain biker, but also as much or more, a motorized singletrack enthusiast. If trails that are motorized have been put in from groups alike, with funding primarily from OHV registration dues, there is no way or justifiable reason that you should have allowance to alter or remove these routes. That would be a good way to piss off the OHV community. The bottom line here, is if it is motorized, IT IS motorized. You can't strip our rights simply because of growing socio-economic trends. How much money do hikers, bikers, and birdwatchers contribute every year, who all contribute to resource degradation? Exactly, they don't contribute anything directly. There are plenty of non-motorized singletrack trail areas for users to enjoy and appreciate. Just to name a few in my close surrounding area...RAT Trails, Buzzard Gulch, and Sunset Mesa. With over 50 miles of trails in just these areas, users can obtain the "Quiet" recreation experience. My point is that, no matter where you go, there is plenty of non-motorized singletrack to enjoy. This is without, creating a burden on my friends and fellow OHV enthusiasts. There is already a whopping 682 miles of singletrack for non-motorized use. Of this 682, 310 is mechanized. This is plenty to call sufficient, for those searching for the "Tranquil" experience.

To be honest the whole sound issue is complete and utter nonsense. At the pace my friends and I ride, you would be lucky to hear our machines 40 seconds after crossing groups. This is the case for most everybody. What about that excessively chatty hiker you just can't get away from? You're stuck with his/her noise all day sometimes. As well, machines are progressively becoming quieter and more environmentally friendly. Bicycles and horses kick up there own fair share of dust as well, making that point very unjustifiable.

As far as user created trails in open areas, I have a few thoughts as well. If the trails were installed and are primarily used by motorized traffic, then that is the way it should remain. My area of particular concern, hovering this subject, is the Kinikin Road BLM Area, in South Montrose. These trails have long been motorized and should ultimately stay as is, after mapping occurs. If mountain bikers want some non-motorized singletrack in that area or others, that is fine, but they must come up with the resource to do so. This group can't just take our fruits, as I will not let it happen. If they want to share the trails we have all worked hard to maintain and install, that is fine. However I will no longer let the moto "We make em',they take em'" fly. Look at all of the great multi-user trails, such as the sidewinder, that is a favorite of many. Why can't we do more of this type of trail construction? Let's take a step forward together, not letting money and greed get in the way of our interests. As it has been said in history many times before, "We're all here together."