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Comments: keep trails open!

Hello,

I am writing to express my support of motorized trail access. My family and live here to enjoy the mountains, camping, hiking, mountain biking, and 4x4 exploring. Over the 25 years I've been here, it seems like mototized access shrinks more and more, with trails closing without much reason or explanation. Obviously, the fewer trails are available, the heavier use they will see, which can create its own problems. So let's prioritize PUBLIC ACCESS TO PUBLIC LANDS!

I belong to a 4x4 club that "adopts" several local 4x4 trails, and we work hard in cooperation with the local forest service office to keep these trails open. I don't know if that is the answer for all available trails, as some are in remote areas without a large local user base. In fact it's the government's responsibility to provide managed access, for all types of users. I bought an OHV tag for my truck last year, and will get this year's tag soon. I would support wider requirement of these if the money kept access open. Let's face it, motorsports are expensive... If I can afford the vehicle, I could afford a \$40 annual trail pass.

I am looking forward to exploring the Grand Mesa area, I haven't been out there yet but summer is coming, and my kids and I are looking for the next adventure. We'll be going to where the trails are open, and supporting the local towns while we're there.

Thank you,

Evan Schaibly

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