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Comments: Hello,

I am writing to comment on the proposed Tumacacori Red Springs Single-Track Trail System. I believe this project would provide a valuable recreational opportunity for both motor and non-motorized biking in southern Arizona. I've done a lot hiking and birding all over southern Arizona, especially in the Catalina and Santa Rita mountains. I also really enjoy dirt bike riding as a sport and a means of experiencing the beauty of this part of the state. The proposed trail system would provide an excellent recreational opportunity in a location that minimizes environmental impact and conflicts with other uses.

I ride in a club and with friends from work. The people I ride with appreciate the beauty of our back-country and respect it. We stick to trails and roads out of respect for the land but also because that is the easiest way to ensure we get from point A to point B and avoid losing each other. This trail system is far enough out of the metro area that we will definitely be visiting local stores and restaurants for supplies and meetups. Although any trail comes at some environmental cost, it also serves to strengthen public support for preserving these areas as open and natural spaces. This trail system would increase the diversity of recreational opportunities in the Coronado National Forest and therefore broaden the spectrum of people who are invested in protecting it.

Thanks for your consideration,

Dan Gilb