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Rachel and Friends at WNF

It has come to my attention that it is an important time to encourage WNF to be open to providing a place and space for motorcycle only trails (single track) in not only WNF but Ohio as a whole. The core riding community that seeks single track enjoys it for the same reasons that both horse back riders and mountain bikers seek single track trail over either asphalt or a gravel road. Having a designated trail for like vehicles and like minded people to enjoy the trails with. The trails when planned properly can be self sustaining and require little maintenance. Single track trails that wind through the hills and trees and off camber areas can be designed to avoid high risk erosion areas. Typical 2 track trails are usually old roads made simply to be the easiest way of travel with little consideration for impact on the land. These old roads are now used by all sorts of vehicles and are typically destroyed, and unfortunately dirt bikes are lumped into this destructive group of vehicles. I have recently been traveling to Kentucky for a majority of my riding at Redbird Crest Trail which has 'a section' of single track motorcycle only trail. Almost all of this single use trail remains in very good shape and usually is hard to discern it from a hiking trail. I would highly recommend seeing for your self and comparing the condition of the motorcycle only trail and the remainder of the 70+miles loop that is offered. There is no comparison the condition of the trail. The original loop was created by motorcyclists back in the 90's by simply riding the trail and breaking it in for a national enduro that was hosted there - well over 60 miles of single track was threaded through the forest to create the race loop. Since then mechanical equipment has been used to widen the trail (roughly 70-80% of it) to allow the use of quads and it simply has exponentially increased the impact on the land, and literally has taken trail from motorcyclists that was created by them. Some sections are hardly rideable due to mud holes and ruts dug out by quads and side by sides which for most of those users the main purpose is to get covered in mud. For a true single track enthusiast this is not the purpose of riding nor is it a like goal for a mountain biker or horseback rider. There are Facebook pages dedicated to the preservation of single track (see "I love singletrack" on facebook). People are traveling all over the country and the world to ride beautiful trail and connecting with other riders. I feel it would benefit WNF to attract those riders that now travel to KY, WV, TN just to find motorcycle only trails.

Thank you and hope that WNF considers working with the motorcycle community to provide a space to plans and put in proper single track trails.

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