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Hi Rachel,

My name is Wyatt Brown. I am a native of central Ohio and a past user of Wayne National Forest. As a child my dad would take my brother and I to WNF to ride the OHV trails on our dirt bikes (late 90's-early 00's). We cherished these trails and always looked forward to the next trip. However, the trails slowly began to change (for the worse) in the mid 2000's. They became wide, flat, hard pack dirt roads instead of trails. Trail use increased, but the number of trails did not. The trail system really became a UTV/ATV trail system that is not friendly to dirt bikes. I haven't been back to WNF since about 2005 because of the lack of dirt bike specific trails. Instead, I make trips to Michigan, West Virginia, Colorado, Utah, Idaho, etc. where there is an abundance of motorized single track.

Dirt bike riders have a much different need than ATV/UTS's when it comes to trail design. Dirt bikers want single track, not 52" & #43; wide trails. I read recently about the new 88 mile Bailey MTB trail system that will be built, which is very exciting, and hope WNF would consider put in a single track system for dirt bikers as well.

I'm sure you all have a lot on your plate and limited resources, but I really feel that a dirt bike specific trail system would benefit everyone. More trail mileage would mean less trail congestion, more opportunities for users, increase tourism for local communities, increase revenue for WNF.

I hope you will consider adding motorized single track trails into the latest forest plan revision.

Thank you,

Wyatt Brown