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Comments: Single Track at Wayne National Forest

Hi, I've been riding Dirt Bikes at Wayne National Forest for close to 25 years now and have always enjoyed the beautiful scenery.

The current trails are great for the casual rider because a lot of the bumps, jumps, and things that make trails difficult have been removed. However, I find myself spending my money at other tracks and trails that have slower moving, but more technical single track trails. Technical, slow moving trails are much more fun to me and considerably safer.

I read that 88 miles of new bicycle-only single track may be a possibility at Wayne National, but I strongly urge you to consider making this available to dirt bike riders as well. I think you would see a massive surge in trail pass purchases if that were the case.

Moving to one-way single track would make everything safer and let me enjoy the ride instead of worrying about who's driving toward me around the next corner. I know other fellow riders that refuse to ride at Wayne National because they think the two way traffic is dangerous and they find the current ATV/UTV-friendly trails boring. I often hear them complain stating &quot;it was more fun before they turned it into a highway&quot;, in reference to the hard packed gravel trails.

A riding buddy of mine was actually hit by an ATV a few years ago while he was on his dirt bike. The ATV rider was a teenager and fled the scene while my buddy was still laying on the ground. Luckily he wasn't seriously injured, but it could have been prevented had the trails been one-way. I've had my share of near head on crashes over the years.

If any changes occur, I urge you to consider one-way single track trails for mountain bikers and dirt bikes. Some of the current 2-way trails, such as Dorr Run Loop, would also benefit from becoming 1-way to make it safer.

Thank you for your time.

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