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Comments: Wayne National Forest Trail Comments

I understand that comments are requested regarding future recreational use of the trails in the Wayne National Forest. Myself, along with a great number of friends and family, would like to see some single track trails as there are currently none in the Wayne. I began riding in the Wayne back in the 80s when there were no UTVs and SxS vehicles. Riding there was fun and challenging. While it has remained fun, challenging it is not and that has diminished the fun factor substantially. With the increased use of these wider vehicles, the trails have gotten less interesting, smoother and less natural due to the addition of gravel (costly) to reduce erosion from the bigger vehicles.

What I'd like to emphasize about single track trails is that they would require little or NO maintenance, provide additional fire break, and in fact would also help permit sales. MANY riders I've spoken to say they don't ride there anymore due to the widened trails and increased use by SxS and other four wheelers. Most importantly, if any thought is given to widening the trails further as many of those users are recommending, then I feel that should not be considered without also creating single track to provide motorcyclists their own trails so as not to chase away even more bikers. If you look at National Forests in other States, I think you'll find they have single track - West Virginia, Kentucky, Colorado and Utah are other places we travel to in order to find single track trails and to get away from the "easy UTV trails". Some single track trails would bring back some motorcyclists that were lost by catering to the four wheelers.

Thank you for considering my recommendation,

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