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Comments: Single track motorcycle trail at Wayne National Forest

I am in full support of responsible off-highway vehicle recreation on public land, and I ask that full consideration be given to developing single-track motorcycle trails in Wayne National Forest in Ohio.

Off-highway motorcycle recreation brings families together and provides opportunities for generations to interact and enjoy public lands.

Single-track motorcycle trail enhances this experience and is an important element families take into consideration when deciding where to ride. Currently, there is no single-track motorcycle-only trail in Wayne National Forest.

Trails designed specifically for motorcycle use are safer, have less environmental impact, are far cheaper to build and maintain, and are more enjoyable than wider trails that allow the passage of four-wheeled OHVs.

I have purchased many annual and shorter-term permits for riding off-highway motorcycles in Wayne National Forest, and I would purchase more of them and use the forest more if single-track motorcycle-only trail were available.

If single-track motorcycle-only trail is not added to the trail system at Wayne National Forest, I am more likely to spend my time and money riding where single-track motorcycle-only trail is available.

Please approve the addition of single-track motorcycle trails in Wayne National Forest.

Thank you,

James Holter

PS: Off-highway motorcycle owners contribute significantly to local economic growth. A 2011 study reported OHV recreational generated \$1.3 million in direct spending, \$1.8 million in total output and \$657,000 in total labor income in just the southeastern region of Ohio in 2008. (The study is "Economic Impact of Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation & Tourism in Southeast Ohio" by Ohio University professors. You can download it here: http://www.nohvcc.org/docs/economic-impacts/Ohio_OHV_Economic_Impact_Study.pdf?sfrsn=0)