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Dear Rachel Neuenfeldt,

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts and request to add Motorcycle Only Single-Track Trails in the Wayne National Forest.

I am 61 years old, born and raised in Athens County - Burr Oak Lake area of Wayne National Forest.

Growing up in this region as an avid outdoorsman and Eagle Scout I love this area with its diverse flora and fauna.

We utilized this area for hunting, hiking and yes motorcycles.

I probably rode a lot of the original trails as a kid before they became the wide groomed marked trails that accommodate the distant 4 wheeled cousins that use them today.

I have gone back to Wayne a little the last few years to help youngsters learn to ride their 2 wheeled dirt bikes but it is not that appealing because of the chance of meeting a 4 wheeled vehicle on those hidden corners.

As a Single-Track rider we enjoy more of a challenge in the narrow deer trail type terrain that utilizes deadfall, rocks and other natural terrain.

I belong to a 2-wheeled dirt bike club, Ohio Woods Riders that is active in exploring private property of local landowners and creating single-track trails for year around use.

We respect the land and are very attentive to having the least impact on their property as possible when using it.

But private land is very limited to us and we often travel out of state to ride trails.

I believe that adding Single-Track 2-wheeled motorcycle trails to Wayne National Forest will help bring back riders like me and draw in riders from around the country once the word gets out.

The Lord knows that Southeastern Ohio could use the extra cash flow in the poorest area of our state. (But the richest in natural beauty)

Have a great Christmas season!

Jack Randy Trace