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Comments: As a private property owner near the proposed Brush Mountain Trails Project we'd like to add our concerns and insight to the impact the project will have on the area's safety, private property and wildlife corridors. We have a high concern about the impact that the additional traffic, specifically bicycles and joggers/hikers, along Glade and Meadowbrook that this project will have. Specifically these concerns are:

1. Currently there are no road shoulders in combination with numerous blind curves and hills. Currently there is already impact of very slowed car traffic while waiting to go around bicycle/jogger traffic that is climbing Glade road, towards town, past Meadowbrook. Cars can't pass bicyclist/jogger safely until clear of the blind curve or hill. Backed up traffic in this area could cause rear end accidents and injury, especially in fog. Propose having shoulders/bike lanes in place along Glade and Meadowbrook before the opening to public of the new trails.
2. Corner of Glade and Meadowbrook is already a dangerous crossing for cars trying to turn left or right onto Glade from Meadowbrook. This is because of the blind hill on Glade for town bound traffic and the limited sight coming down Glade out of town. Speeding cars and trucks on Glade cause those trying to turn onto Glade near collisions. With the proposed parking lot on that corner and trailers/horses/pedestrians slowed or stopped to enter and exit the parking lot with the combination of the speeding cars coming on the blind spots at that corner, it is very concerning that the lack of safety of all concerned will be highly elevated.
3. Speeding and congestion on Meadowbrook Drive between Area #1 and Area #2. Provide better speed controls along Glade and Meadowbrook near this intersection. Propose providing the new bike/pedestrian trail for those traveling between Area #1 and Area #2 along Meadowbrook before park trails are open to the public.
4. Litter along Meadowbrook, proposed parking lot and trails. Provide bear proof garbage receptacles. Place signs and enforcement of illegal dumping of trash and tires violations in and along Meadowbrook, private property and the roadside creeks along Meadowbrook.
5. Protect wildlife corridors and private property and driveways. Currently many deer, bear, fox, raccoons, skunks, etc make there way down Brush mountain to Tom's creek. There have been many wildlife and car collisions on these roads. Provide wildlife crossings signs on Meadowbrook and Glade. Provide teaching signage for nature and wildlife respect, ecology and environmental protection for the forest and it's wildlife. Provide better speed controls and enforcement along Meadowbrook and Glade roads. Provide "No harassment and hunting of wildlife" signs. Provide "Stay on Trail" and "Dogs on Leash" signs on trail along Meadowbrook between area #1 and area #2 to protect private property and their pets and the wildlife.