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Comments: I am a lifelong trail bike rider, starting at age 12. I am still riding at age 60. My 27-year old son and I have enjoyed riding the OHV trail system throughout the Chattahoochee National Forest for many rears. We are responsible riders and strive to "leave no trace". We frequently buy food and gas locally when on a ride.

I have become increasingly concerned about the steady reduction in the number of available trails available to us. By reducing the available trail miles, the Forest Service actually creates MORE environmental impact by forcing riders to potentially over-use the few remaining trials. I feel strongly that the Forest Service should focus on adding to the OHV trail system rather than reducing the trails for OHV users.

I am a long time supporter of GARTRA and other organizations that support responsible use OHV use.

Any closures of OHV areas on the Chattahoochee National Forest should be offset with the establishment of new OHV areas on the forest offering the same opportunities.

Adding sustainable single-track, motorized trails would significantly improve Our experience and reduce impact by dispersing users over a broader area.