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Comments: Closing the Tibbs, Milma, and Tatum OHV Trails will even further lessen the already few miles of legal trails we can ride motorized OHV's on. Locust Stake has been closed for almost two years pending a final decision and now with this project you are describing closing even more trails. It is such a long and difficult task to get any new trails approved, I feel it would serve the community better to engage with groups that utilize those trails to encourage more community support in maintaining them rather than closing them.

As to re-routing Oakey Mountain OHV, I would encourage the USFS to look into adding sustainable, challenging, 1-way single track there that can be utilized by both 2 wheeled OHVs and e-bikes. If new trails there were laid out in such a way as to make them challenging, sustainable, 1-way and narrow, it would serve as a great system that both 2-wheel motorized as well e-bike OHVs could enjoy. The terrain there is very challenging and could make for a great trail system that many individuals could come enjoy. Currently the bulk of the OHV trails in GA are built to suit 50" wide vehicles and very little to no trails are built and designed as 1-way single track OHV trails. The fact that currently nearly all the OHV trails in GA are 2-way prevents a significant amount of the public from coming to these areas to enjoy the forest. The wide 2-way trails are extremely dangerous, and due to that fact, many avoid coming to enjoy what could be a great place to come enjoy the day. The current OHV Trails at Oakey Mountain are challenging, and I would hope the the USFS will keep what is in place there now as a minimum. There are other OHV trail systems that have a beginner to novice experience requirement, but Oakey Mountain is the only OHV area that provides a challenge for more experienced riders. There should be OHV trail systems in GA that have different levels of difficulty for different levels of experienced riders. Not all the trails need to be built at the beginner or novice level.

I have had many USFS rangers describe to me that 2-way trails are "safer" than 1-way systems. I would ask the USFS to look into data they currently have as to the cost to maintain and safety as it relates to 1-way Single track systems vs. 2-way systems. An exact example would be the trails at Towns Creek. Loop A is the only significant 1-way single track style trail that is in GA's OHV systems. This would be a perfect example to use in gathering safety data of a 1-way single track system as well as cost to maintain. Even comparing the other trail there, Loop B, as to cost, I would expect that the USFS would find the cost to maintain that 50" wide style trail costs 3-4 times as much compared to maintaining the 1-way single track system in the same area. Even accounting for the fact that Loop A is 2 miles longer than Loop B.