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Comments: I live just outside of the area outlined in the foothills project and it concerns me how much we'll be affected. Much of my free time is spent in the national forest camping, taking my young kids hiking, and riding my dual sport motorcycle on forest roads as well as at OHV trails. It's incredibly sad to see in the project the closure of trails. I understand the impact of heavy vehicle traffic, but I would encourage you to look into not reducing but expanding your motorcycle only trails.

Motorcycle only trails such as those present in the Nantahala and Pisgah National Forests (as well as thousands of trails out west on BLM/USFS land) have been a huge benefit to the surrounding communities. The trail impact of dirt bikes is significantly less than horses, atvs, and ORVs.

Building a single track motorcycle trail doesn't require any heavy equipment either. Just some loppers and a hand saw. This makes it a low expense, high yield investment into recreation and conservation and a big win for the USFS.

In addition to riding, I'm a sawmill owner and have really come to understand and appreciate the different species of trees that are present on my land and in the national forest. I'm concerned with the massive logging and closing of access to forest areas with rich biodiversity that is unique to North Georgia.