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Comments: I have several concerns regarding national forests and their uses. First, I enjoy nature walks and sometime hikes into remote areas. However, I find biking to be incompatible with this experience. Many times I have been completely surprised by a speeding biker barreling down hill and not having the knowledge that his/her activity is a danger to me and/or my companions. I would request fewer roads and trails, not more, be limited to bike use. Perhaps a training course for back country bikers too provide knowledge of proper conduct and safe riding would be of benefit.

The wilderness experience is important, as it provides one the ability to seek peace and gain an appreciation of the wonders of nature in a slower moving world. Today's world is filled with meaningless activities and noise that only degrades a person's concept of what life should or could be. Wilderness and natural areas provide what our modern world cannot replace. Wilderness areas must be maintained without roads or other motorized vehicle intrusions. These areas are precious and unfortunately, dwindling into smaller and less available spaces. Keep wilderness areas in wilderness as people need their diversion and restorative powers.

Lastly, wilderness areas and national forests provide the needed habitat for many species that live in these areas. At this time, many of these animals are threatened with sever loss of habitat and reduction of numbers. As stewards of this planet and all its inhabitants we are morally bound to do all we can to protect and promote the well-being of all the animal and plant species on this planet.

We must give great consideration to the damage our development of economic opportunities and commercial use of these lands may cause. Some of our changes may be of little consequence, however, the building of roads creates future the possibility of future uses that must be part of today's decision.