

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 4/27/2020 12:26:23 PM

First name: Matthew

Last name: Bean

Organization:

Title:

Comments: Hello,

I am reviewing the Honey Badger project. I commend the forward thinking with fire prevention. Canfield is best close access to the mountain outdoors in CDA. While I am excited about the prospect of new trails, I am troubled by the loss of singletrack to make way for >50 inch vehicles. My opposition to this is as follows. First, singletrack are the most enjoyable parts of Canfield. As it is, there are relatively few singletrack trails on Canfield. Replacing it with >50 inch trails will greatly detract from the experience. Secondly, Penn Trail is only uphill singletrack trail from the Nettleton Gulch parking lot (P26A/003 does offer a short section but it terminates quickly). Third, while there may be a place for >50 inch vehicles on Canfield, it should not be preferentially close to the parking lot. By their nature, non motorized trail use (hikers and mountain bikers) are limited in their range. Motorized >50 inch vehicles are not. A more fair solution would be to reroute their trail higher and father away from the parking lot. They can easily and quickly get away from the parking lot by taking the main road, where as non motorized trail users cannot. Fourth, this is going to create significant interaction between >50 inch vehicles and non motorized users which is not safe.

My other comment is that northern access to Canfield is needed. I would encourage pursuing the easement near Tottens pond. If this is ever obtained, an uphill trail with swtchbacks is needed in addition to the downhill trail. Currently The only access, that I am aware of, is at the top of Packsaddle road. While a wonderful trail, this is high up on the mountain and parking is limited. A lower access point is needed.

Thank you for your time.