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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to express my views on the Honey Badger Project. I recreate in the forests of Northern Idaho through the spring and summer months on my off-road motorcycle. The Honey Badger project, and it's commitment to off-road motorcycling represents a significant impact to my off road recreation.

As I look at the Honeybadger area, one thing that strikes me is the number of Trails at Canfield that are affected. Canfield is an area I frequent more than any other in the CDA national forest. It's main appeal is ease of entry via vehicle, and close proximity to town. Canfield's trails are challenging and safe, and I hope that consideration will be made to keep moderate to advanced singletrack, and many miles of it open to off road motorcycles, as a primary goal.

I'm also struck at the Hell's Canyon trail's inability to loop around back to the trailhead. I know that the trail has been moved in the last several years and although I didn't like the move, which I accepted it as a necessity to keep the area open. I'd appreciate this as an opportunity to add a second trail looping around to reduce impact and promote safety.

I'd like to conclude my comment by emphasizing that in return for the ability to recreate in Northern Idaho, I direct my money to the local community. On a typical ride day, I gas up my vehicles in the area I am visiting. For example, I will fill my van's gas tank and purchase a few snack items for the day's ride at the Zip trip/Cenex off Best road when we ride from Canfield. Or I'll do the same at the Alpine Country store on my way to the Bunco Road trailhead to ride the independence creek trail system. At the end of a long day I'll choose a local restaurant to pick up a post-ride meal before heading home.

As with many other off-road motorcyclists, I view off-road motorcycling as a family friendly and healthy endeavor that can be performed in an environmentally friendly way. We teach to tread lightly, respect other users, and to maintain trails. The continued use of the trails of the Honey Badger area for motorized, and specifically for single track motorcycles must be preserved or enhanced.