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Comments: I ride rampart regularly and I believe the addition of a skills course and a beginner area would be amazing. I taught my 3 kids to ride at rampart. We found that the hills, loose soil and ruts in the middle of the trail were not compatible with small wheel bikes as the foot pegs would drag on the sides of the ruts and prevent the kids from being able to ride on. The loose soil was also not compatible with the low power of beginner bikes. A trail specifically for beginners would be an amazing addition to the Rampart recreational area. Hopefully it can be constructed in such a way as to be not too steep and also in a place that can be regularly maintained (grooming of whoops) so as to keep it beginner friendly. Lastly I think it would be important to make the trail long enough to be interesting and designated as a one-way trail to help new riders avoid the fears of head-on interactions with other trail users.

On the subject of a skills area; Rampart has some really fun terrain for improving and testing skills like Scotties rock and the old Devils Slide trails. Due to the nature of the soil at Rampart it'll be important to have access to maintain a skills park. I'd love to see some features that test a rider, like rock gardens, log crossings, ledges, log-matrix, jumps, basically all the skills elements that are seen in an Enduro-cross race. There is a good example of what this type of terrain/skills park could look like at the Peach Valley recreation area in Montrose (38.594721, -107.890864). I believe a good location for this park could be 39.287286, -105.050730 off hidden valley road. It would also be really fun if there could be some trails bike elements tied into this skills park.

Thanks for your work on this project. If I can be of assistance in the design or building of these projects please let me know.