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Comments: I will keep this brief. I Have no issue with the main trailhead of the Rattlesnake Recreation Area allowing authorized vehicles to access the area when necessary for official reasons. I do not believe it should be open to e-bikes or any other motorized vehicles. I have nothing against E-bikes but I believe they have a place and that is not in main Rattlesnake Recreation Trailhead/Corridor lands. I believe that area should be kept non-motorized to maintain the wild and untamed character of that land. I have lived in the Rattlesnake Valley for many years now and the recreational pressure on the public lands is greater than it has ever been. In the areas that are easily accessed, there are many bikers, hikers, skiers etc. that utilize the trails and forest. It is wonderful to have people appreciate being outside and experiencing nature. The density of the areas closest to parking areas is the heaviest and that lends itself to many interactions between people, dogs, bikes and wildlife. The further up the trail one travels, the less people and the more wild and pristine the area is. Wildlife and birds are more plentiful and it is incredibly serene. If you allow E-bikes or other motorized vehicles access, the impacts to the wildlife and serenity of the area will be detrimentally effected. We don't have many areas remaining around Missoula that offer what the Rattlesnake Rec Area does. Please leave this area to the wildlife (without dogs or human disturbance) and natural processes.

On that note, I am dismayed by the loose dogs on all of the trails in the area. The "dogs on leash" signage must be updated and more prominent to increase compliance. I have seen dogs chase bears (including cubs), moose (including a calf), deer, squirrels, birds, bikers, skiers, other dogs, children etc... It is out-of-control. If I mention to someone that their dog should be leashed all I get is grumpy responses. Please let's keep the Rattlesnake Recreation Area the one wild place close to Missoula where wildlife and nature can exist with limited human impact. Thank You!!