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Comments: Hello,

I have lived at 1608 Altura since the the early 80's. We moved in during the time when motorcycles were allowed to drive in the Rattlesnake NRA. We had significant traffic in the canyon at all hours of the day and night. I think a lot of it was from riders who wanted the "dirt bike" experience. This does not mix with either hikers, bicycles or horses. You are effectively banning those recreation users if you allow motorcycles.

On another level, if you allow cars, you would have to improve several parking areas in the Rattlesnake corridor up to the Franklin bridge since there is no place to drive, except the main road. I base this on the amount of cars parked at the trail head last summer, the traffic would be significant. The trail head parking lot is not big enough to handle the summer visitors now. They fill the parking lot, the road going in and both sides of Rattlesnake Drive both above and below the turn off. They come to visit a beautiful recreation area. In my option, that recreation area would no longer be beautiful nor quiet if you open it up to motorized vehicles.

My third comment has to do with the current use of the NRA and the conflict between bicycles and hikers. I am 77 years old and like to walk on the east side of Rattlesnake Creek from my residence down to the overlook of the former dam site. These trails are safer than heading up the Rattlesnake alone. As the trails dry out the bicycle traffic increases so much that hiking becomes almost impossible. I have tried to keep my hiking on the narrow trails closest to the creek. Invariable I encounter bicycles. I ask them why they are on this narrow trail. There answer is usually "there are too many bikes on the wide trail". The bikes on that main trail also tend to ride fast and in groups. I think they are after a "dirt bike" experience. All in all, it is dangerous for the hikers. It seems that this area is wide enough that some trails could be designated for bicycles and some for hikers. Is that possible?

Thanks for reading my comments.

Kathy Stenger