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Comments: Please strongly consider the recommendations made by the Ozark Society regarding this proposed use of public land for cycling. While much of this proposal seems to check the boxes of human enjoyment, the first consideration always should be "do no harm." Overuse and misuse of our public places, sometimes intentional but mostly from ignorance and arrogance toward natural wildlife and plant life, is sadly the bane of recreational land use across the country. We are loving places to death and in the process "killing the goose that laid the golden eggs." Economic benefits will dry up if natural systems are worn out or run over. I urge the Forest Service to first do in-depth analysis of all identifiable ecosystems in the park before expanding its plans. Walk and ride softly on the land and enjoy the views uncluttered by too much crowding. Please. Thank you, Fran Alexander