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As a long time user of the Cibola forest for recreation I would like to support specific uses that are important to me and many friends in the greater community of forest users.

Single track trails are extremely important for off road motorcycle use, mountain bikes, and hikers on foot.

All of these users can benefit when the forest planners recognize this important need. I have used and continue to use these trails in all three ways ( riding, biking, and hiking). These uses are not inconsistent. All users need to recognize that the National Forest is not a wilderness area and multiple trail users are a good thing. Additional users on remote trails are a welcome sign. One feels safer knowing that other people are around should an accident happen, or aggressive bears or mountain lions attack.

These single track trails should be used to open the whole forest up to public use. They need to be mapped, expanded, connected, and their use encouraged. More trails are better than fewer trails. Maintenance by volunteers and the Forest service are important to consider but the lack of maintenance resources should not be used as a pretext to close trails or not open new ones. Trails can be maintained by the users themselves especially if they are encouraged to do so by the Forest Service.

Thanks you for considering my input to your plan.

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