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Comments: I sat on the 1st version of the Douglas Hill OHV Area in 2005. The Kootenai National Forest Service along with at the time Tobacco Valley Dirt Riders club sat down and came up with the original plan. At that time, we were told that what you are planning now was what we were going to get.

The plan all along was to provide the OHV vehicles a separate camping area along with their own facilities only to be used by OHV campers. The OHV vehicles were still allowed to utilize the Douglas Hill area with 1 single trail leaving the campground and going past the Outhouse to access the OHV area.

The OHV camping area only was to be put in at the access that you have on your map. Entering in at the end of Douglas Hill Rd.

Looking at the proposal it looks like you are doing what was planned from the very beginning.

The only issue that I have is not having a day parking area only. Myself and my riding group use the Douglas Hill OHV area multiple times a week and on the weekend. Generally early spring March - May (after that it is too dusty and dry) and the snow has melted enough that my group can start going to Tally

Lake. But when we do ride, we like to go early in the morning at daylight before it gets too busy. I really do not like the idea that the only place that we will have to park is in a campground. It is only going to cause another conflict when we fire up our dirt bikes at 6:30AM and wake everyone up. I would propose adding a day parking area only at the Trail Head at the end of RD 7308. Or better yet at the intersection of the new access road going to the OHV Campground and Douglas Hill Rd. With an OHV trail only leaving the proposed new access Road to enter the OHV riding area.