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Comments: As the USFS is endeavoring into the Travel Management process, it has been encouraging to see how much outreach and participation has happened between staff and users. We always appreciate open communication.

I am a lifetime member of the Cliffhangers 4x4 Club which responsibly use a small portion of the grasslands nearly monthly outside of the winter months as weather allows. The community that has grown around recreating these 4 sections of public land is remarkable.

Into the future, I am welcoming of a more formalized off road recreating area in these 4 sections that would accommodate Off road vehicles, UTVs, Motorcycles. Mapping, on site signage, and appropriate user permitting and tracking similar to other off road areas such as Iron Range Off Road Area, Black Hills, and the state of Colorado will be important. All of which generate funding to maintain the system and education.

Iron Range:

https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/virtual_tour/iron_range/dialup.html

Black Hills:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/activity/blackhills/recreation/ohv/?recid=25823&actid=93>

Education of proper usage such as tread lightly, fire preparedness, and basic safety precautions will help create a manageable area that will make sure the area is set up for long-term success.

It is critical for the ENTIRE current Cliffhanger trail system to be accessible - the trails are currently rated based on capabilities of vehicles ensuring undue damage to the trails is prevented. Additionally, the larger number of routes keeps the frequency of the usage lower to not over use the trails.