

Corinthian Hill Property Owners Association, Inc.

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To: Corinthian Hill Property Owners
From: Corinthian Hill POA Board of Directors
Subject: Tenderfoot Mountain Motorized Trail System

This letter is to alert you to the National Forest Service and Summit County Off Road Riders (SCORR) proposal to create 30 miles of trails across 4,000 acres of NFS lands adjacent to the Town of Dillon on the northeast side of Highway 6. The purpose of the trails is to provide a single-track trail system managed specifically for motorcycle use. The trails would stretch from Straight Creek to Frey Gulch immediately above Corinthian Hill, with some trails within one-half mile of Corinthian Hill. Your Board strongly objects to increasing the availability of trails for motorcycles along this corridor, and in fact wants the existing trails closed to motorized use in accordance with the White River National Forest (WRNF) Travel Management Plan. To that end, we will be sending a letter of objection to the NFS (copy to be posted on the CH website) and strongly urge you to take a few minutes to do the same by the November 20th deadline for comment.

You may recall that several years ago we went through a similar exercise to close Oro Grande Trail to motorized traffic. The settlement did close Oro Grande to motorized traffic and established the motocross park south of the cemetery as a compromise. All of the people and groups involved in that are very upset that we are facing the same issue again, in apparent contradiction to the Summit County Master Plan and the WRNF Travel Management Plan. Contrary to the assertions in the WRNF Scoping Letter for this project, we believe:

- That we will be subject to continuous noise during the time of year when we are mostly outside, and (besides the annoyance) this will lead to a decrease in our property values (who wants to buy property next to a motorcycle race track?);
- That there will be increased risk of wildfire from sparks and cigarette butts, as well as an increase in trash;
- That the proposed "volunteer patrol program" for education and enforcement will be completely ineffective and riders will abuse the trail system by riding off-trail as they have already done.
- That there will inevitably be user conflict and safety issues;
- That wildlife will be adversely affected and further stressed by this human activity. It appears the proposed trails would go even to the top of Tenderfoot Mountain in a designated Elk Calving Area;
- That there are other places within Summit County that are available and more appropriate that would not disturb large communities (Dillon Valley, Corinthian Hill, Summerwood, Summit Cove, and Keystone).

To learn more about this proposal (the map is particularly useful), go to the WRNF website at www.fs.fed.us/r2/whiteriver, navigate to "Land and Resource Management," then "Projects and Plans."

Again, we strongly urge you to protect your beautiful Corinthian Hill property and lifestyle by writing a letter of objection and sending it to:

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Respectfully, your Board of Directors