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<p>Please keep motorized access open at both if these roads. I have 2 little boys 6&amp;9yo and we ride motorcycles, hunt and camp out of both of these access points all summer. We actually bought our home in Wildridge because of the Forrest access. Please allow my kids to grow up in the National Forrest</p>	<p>Marc demeillac</p>	<p>02 Mar 2021, 08:56 AM</p>
<p>Councilmen and Councilwomen:</p> <p>I bought a piece of property and built a home in Wildridge because of these roads. My wife's life revolved around being in the National Forest on her four-wheeler. This brought her much enjoyment and much peace. And I must tell you, when momma ain't happy, nobody's happy.</p> <p>Please understand the importance of these two roads and all of the rest of the roads above the Wildridge neighborhood including 734.1, 700.1, 701.1 and 433.1 are to the residents of the Wildridge community as well as half of Eagle County. These roads have been a source of recreation on four-wheelers, motorcycles, mountain bikes and snowmobiles for years. They provide access to all people including those that are disabled and unable to hike. The Forest Service is out of control in their quest to close these roads. These are OUR ROADS as citizens of this great Country and this community and provide access to the National Forest, OUR FOREST. Please do everything in your power to keep the Forest Service in check and under control to prevent these closures during ALL seasons. Thank you. Tab Bonidy</p>	<p>Tab Bonidy</p>	<p>02 Mar 2021, 12:40 PM</p>
<p>We own a home in Wildridge. One of the main reasons we purchased there was proximity and access to White River National Forest including access to FSR 779 &amp; 717. We purchased four wheel UTVs to enjoy the trails and climbs to Red &amp; White and other areas outside our back yard. The FSR are a great asset to the enjoyment of our home and value. We would never want to see access to these FSR's limited or denied.</p>	<p>Arthur &amp; Elie Yuan</p>	<p>03 Mar 2021, 01:10 PM</p>

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<p>I see several comments about a survey taken regarding motorized vehicle access on FSR 779 and 717. We own property and live in Wildridge and never received any information regarding the survey conducted and feel that the Wildridge community was not accurately represented regarding motorized access to these specific FSR access points. We would vote of continuing motorized access and express that as a key reason we moved into this neighborhood.</p> <p>Arthur and Elie Yuan 5792 Wildridge Rd East</p>	<p>Arthur &amp; Elie Yuan</p>	<p>03 Mar 2021, 03:47 PM</p>
<p>We have lived in Wildridge since 1990 and the main reason for the area was the proximity of the Forest access. We raised our kids using the access and parents and friends for 30 years We now use it with our Grandkids and hope to for years to come. We enjoy our side by side to do scenic rides with the grandkids and friends. We enjoy hiking and biking and hunting by using this access. Please help us keep this opened for us and others to enjoy to many years to come. Thanks, Dave Wilkison</p>	<p>Dave Wilkison</p>	<p>03 Mar 2021, 05:45 PM</p>

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<p>I have been a full time year round resident of Eagle county for the past 25 years and specifically in Avon for about 3 now. I regularly use the Town of Avon's forest service road access via Wildridge all summer long for both motorized and non-motorized access. The availability, and the ease of access from anywhere in town are both an amazing individual benefit of living here as well as a wonderful draw for our tourism and guests alike. After all, we live in the mountains so we can be close to the forest and our livelihood depends on our guests who come here to explore.</p> <p>To close these access points would be a travesty to our lifestyles as residents as well as potentially effecting the safety of wilderness travelers. With the increasing drought and fire danger of the past few years, limiting fire fighting resources access in an emergency could be devastating to our community. Further more, limiting access of mountain rescue and EMS personnel access to injured recreationalists could endanger lives.</p> <p>I conclusion I feel these roads should remain open for the enjoyment of the public, and through a program of education, information and personal responsibility users of these access points and residents of the Wildridge area can coexist nicely.</p> <p>Thank you Joshua Mauro</p>	<p>Joshua</p>	<p>03 Mar 2021, 06:00 PM</p>
<p>I bought a home in Wildridge in 2016 and one of the things that attracted me to Wildridge was the ease of forest access. I live within eyesight of the 779 trail and I use it for motorized and non motorized use all year long. It's so nice to be able to hop on a dirt bike or in my SXS and go for a ride. I also love hiking up the trail with my dog or with friends.</p> <p>As soon as the road opens in June I head up with an electric chain saw and clear the road of dead fallen trees. I don't believe the forest service does anything to maintain the road and that's fine.</p> <p>Please do not let the wishes of a few outweigh the wishes of many.</p>	<p>Jim Harris</p>	<p>03 Mar 2021, 06:22 PM</p>
<p>Please do don't close these roads! It's the only access we have up valley!</p>	<p>Andrew jones</p>	<p>03 Mar 2021, 06:23 PM</p>

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<p>I'm writing to let you know of the real motive, which I think you do but just in case, of a very vocal minority who live in Wildridge by the Red and White (R&amp;W) access. They claim they are protesting OHV access for "Environmental Issues". Don't be fooled, it is strictly because they don't want to be "bothered" by the noise of motorized vehicles going up R&amp;W, even though when they purchased their properties they knew darn well of this situation. By the way, if they were truly concerned about the environment they'd know that if access is shut down or limited in Wildridge Residents will have to load up their OHVs on trailers, pull them with their truck to open access points miles away, burning up much more fuel. Their argument is nothing more than a "red herring" trying to cover up their real rationale.</p> <p>This vocal minority is also ignoring the needs of citizens who are simply not physically able to either walk or bike up R&amp;W and enjoy the forest in their neighborhood. This group of citizens can't not be ignored because of a handful of people who don't like the noise.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Frederick Smith</p>	<p>Frederick Smith</p>	<p>04 Mar 2021, 09:01 AM</p>
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<p>I moved to Eagle County 21 years ago and have been enjoying motorized access to the WRNF since even before I relocated to this community.</p> <p>The amount of closures and restrictions that our WRNF supervisors and management have implemented and punished our user group with is DISGUSTING and completely unjustified. I have sat at the table with the WRNF Supervisor and the local rangers for years trying to protect access for the motorized community and it's been a complete waste of time. They use every excuse they can find to close, restrict and take away access. Our user group is not well represented and they have taken full advantage of this. WE must have support from individuals in the community and TOA to stop this non-sense!</p> <p>My wife and two kids moved to Wildridge just 1/2 mile from FSR 779 5 years ago, and motorized access to our favorite dirt roads was a huge motivation for this move. Access to the WRNF for motorized use needs to be expanded at this point in time NOT restricted like we witnessed for the last 20 years. Please help keep these routes open for both summer recreation and REOPEN these routes for winter motorized use. The FS agreed to keep 779 open for winter access and went back on their word because no one pushed or policed them hard enough to keep the 779 route open for winter access.</p> <p>The small number of anti-motorized people in Wildridge and in Eagle County should respect other user groups and realize when they purchase a home close to a trail head, that's what they signed up for- Traffic and traffic of all sorts, quit your whining and hating.</p> <p>Thank you TOA for the consideration and involvement with this important subject.</p> <p>Spencer Ball</p>	<p>Spencer Ball</p>	<p>04 Mar 2021, 10:30 AM</p>
<p>Our young family of 4 wants to use access roads in Wildridge with motorized vehicles! Snowmobile and dirt biking girls!!! Our 5 and 6 year old girls love nature and they plan to ride their dirt bikes into the woods for years to come. keeping these routes open is extremely important to our family! A big part of purchasing our Wildridge home was to have access to a wild and BIG backyard! Please please please keep these Wildridge roads open to motorized vehicles!</p>	<p>Christy Ball - mom of 2</p>	<p>05 Mar 2021, 02:16 PM</p>

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<p>I have owned property in Wildridge and the Town of Avon for 23 years. I have raised my family in Wildridge. We have enjoyed the motorized and non motorized access for many years. I am saddened and angered to find that the 'minority' has purchased a home and is bothered a few months of the year. Perhaps they should have done their due diligence beforehand instead of trying to close a trail that has been used for decades by MANY Wildridge and Eagle County residents. The demand for motorized access is very clear. Perhaps if the USFS opened some of the trails they closed, there would be less impact on a single trail. I believe if the TOA were to reach out to ALL residents, there would be an overwhelmingly majority in favor of this access. yes, there are issues with parking etc. But those can be addressed. The motorized community would be very grateful to receive a portion of the support the Town has shown the mountain bike community.</p>	<p>Tracey S</p>	<p>05 Mar 2021, 10:14 AM</p>
<p>Closure of existing NFS roads is unnecessary. Hunting, fishing and recreational access should not be diminished for all residents because a few "bark loudly." As a longtime local, since 1992, forest access is of the utmost importance. We live in Eagle County for access to our local mountains and the pursuits that we seek regularly. Please do not limit the ability for my family to access the local mountains.</p>	<p>Michael Salomone</p>	<p>09 Mar 2021, 02:43 PM</p>
<p>As a resident of Eagle Country since 1976 I have used that access before Wildridge was a development. When I was much younger I hiked all over this area. Most memorable was as a student at BMHS Applied Life class!</p> <p>I still hick but due to aging knees I do more driving in my jeep! I love taking my grandkids up there! I normally start from Wolcott and come out at Wildridge.</p> <p>I would love to continue to bring my grandkids through there and show them our beautiful county along with teaching them respect for the land!</p> <p>Thank you all for your time!</p>	<p>Cathy Dumolt</p>	<p>09 Mar 2021, 02:49 PM</p>

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<p>Mostt of us live and enjoy Eagle County for the same reasons: Pristine open space, appreciation for wildlife conservation preservation and the sheer majestic beauty of nature. Can we please do our due diligence and conduct a wildlife impact survey on these access roads before we open them for year-round motorized vehicles. I've lived in Wildridge for the past 9 years and have witnessed the steady Summer vandalism, illegal fires, high speed dirt bikes, ATV's trash and disrespect for access road FSR 7-779.1 Metcalf Creek. Unfortunately, some always ruin it for others. Please get qualified US Forestry consultation before opening these roads. I vote to keep them closed.</p>	<p>ColinMeiring</p>	<p>09 Mar 2021, 09:45 AM</p>
<p>Access should be allowed and maintained for all public lands. If anyone has any issues it's all about their "not in my backyard" attitude. Public lands is public lands. Access should be maintained.</p>	<p>JM</p>	<p>14 Mar 2021, 12:17 PM</p>
<p>WILDRIDGE ON FIRE</p> <p>Remember last summer with 1-70 closed due to fires in Glenwood Canyon, others in Grand Junction and Granby?? Opening US Forest Road 779 to motorized vehicles in this residential neighborhood is asking for serious consequences. Drought prevails on these hillsides and low snow fall is not helping. Allowing commercial trailers of motor bikes, ATVS to park along upper Wildridge Road increasing access to this steep hillside not only harms the wild life but increases the chances of fire. The fragile hillside cannot safely handle private cars and jeeps, many of which do not have spark arresters. Snowmobiles again would be very damaging to the environment as well as the value of home owner's properties. Noise, trash and parking of commercial outfitters vehicles as well as scores of private cars are not welcome on this street where local families walk their dogs and babies every day. BUT it goes back to FIRE. WILDRIDGE HAS ONE WAY IN AND ONE WAY OUT. Do not develop US 779. CARROLL TYLER</p>	<p>CarrollTyler</p>	<p>17 Mar 2021, 01:44 PM</p>

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<p>As you can see from other responses, lots of people moved to Wildridge at least in part because of forest access. I believe that in this regards Wildridge is somewhat similar to Eagle Ranch. People buy here because of the recreational opportunities that exist nearby. This should really be no surprise. We are not living in downtown Boston! The Valley by its nature attracts outdoor enthusiasts – for living and recreating. The success of the West Avon Preserve (in spite of loud complaints!) shows that outdoor recreation is an important part of our town experience. If roughly 1/3 approve of keeping 779 motorized that says a lot to me - a whole lot. Putting a gate at the bottom of 779, where it joins Wildridge, would make sense to me. Some owners are concerned about users cutting across their land avoiding the gate. Could this be fixed by putting some strategic fencing along the road? I think so.</p> <p>At present there are two access points from the valley near Avon up to Red &amp; White. If one were taken out (FS 779) the strain on the other (FS 717) would increase significantly. Both are needed.. both are pretty heavily used, by all types of users.</p> <p>FS 779 is not a “piece of cake.” It is pretty darn steep, right at the start. Only advanced users can get up there very easily. Giving it some maintenance probably will not increase use significantly. It will still be a steep challenge. The original decision by the USFS to decommission 779 ten years ago said that it was not needed because 717 provided access to Red &amp; White. However, even over the 10 years I have been in Wildridge, 717 shows the impact of heavy use. The rocks keep being exposed as the dirt around them is blown away. Keeping 2 access routes will mitigate the impact of use on each of them. There will always be yahoos who abuse their privileges while using USFS roads. There will always be those who claim dangerous behavior will be inevitable. Does this happen in the West Avon Preserve? Perhaps. Is it a big problem? NO. I believe a similar situation exists on 779. Will motorized access impact property values? Some will say “yes”, but I think most will say “no.” Some will even say it increases property values.</p> <p>Charlie Sherwood 4211S Wildridge Rd. W.</p>	Charlie S	19 Apr 2021, 12:03 PM
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<p>I have rode motorcycles and snowmobiles on both roads since the early 80s. I've hunting the area since I was 10 years old using both Roads as access. NO Elk live or Cross rd 779 during the winter. They do migrate during hunting season and are move out late October. I hike 779 at least once a week in the winter and have never come across an Elk or Elk tracks in the winter months, I see more dog feces and doggy Feces black bags all over the rd more than “Trash” left by motorized vehicle traffic. Those roads have been there before homes were built and if you moved in next to a public access road that has been around for many many years you should've done your own due diligence on off road “vehicle noise”. Humans and dogs are going to harass and spoke wild animals more than vehicles. KEEP THE ROADS OPEN YEAR ROUND !</p>	<p>Jake Holland</p>	<p>23 Feb 2021, 07:59 PM</p>
<p>The main reason I purchased home in Wildridge was the access to road 779 during the winter and summer with motorcycles / Jeeping and snowmobiles. I raised my family of three kids riding snowmobiles up 779 (until it was closed) There should have been more Wildridge and Avon residents involved with that bad decision years ago to close it during the winter. I am glad we now have a voice to re-open and keep it open. Re-open / Keep Open.</p>	<p>John Fletch</p>	<p>24 Feb 2021, 02:45 PM</p>

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<p>It's understandable that the neighbors in Wildridge would like to have year-round access for motorized vehicles (including snowmobiles) on the USFS roads. Our concern is that opening the roads would allow access to anyone from the entire Vail Valley or Eagle County or the entire State. There is no parking at the access point to this road at all. Additionally, this could have a significant impact on traffic in Wildridge. This is especially concerning as there is only one road in and out of Wildridge.</p>	<p>Caryl &amp; Jeff Hahn</p>	<p>25 Feb 2021, 04:11 PM</p>

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<p>TOA/USFS, Like most of the comments here, I too was attracted to Wildridge in part because of the national forest access it offered. As a lifelong valley local and now a 16 year Wildridge resident, my family immensely enjoys this ever dwindling asset. A complaint about trailhead traffic is akin to the complaints about I-70 noise after buying property alongside it. Of course there will always be the minority knuckleheads with no common sense who abuse parking/noise regulations, etc. but that occurs everywhere with everything. The forest service’s own study’s have shown very little wildlife/environmental impact by these existing decades old roads and trails. I keep hearing TOA / USFS officials mentioning “wildlife” as an argument to close these access points. How we forget these same people being so excited about the West Avon Preserve trails (which we enjoy regularly)but have basically eliminated any wildlife in that area. Please keep/reopen year round access. There are a few local organizations that would love to help maintain these trails if given the chance.</p>	<p>Tony L</p>	<p>25 Feb 2021, 05:43 PM</p>
<p>Keeping access open and establishing travel management rules might help with fire mitigation and fire fighting in the event of wildfire. Parking is a concern. Red and White Mtn trails are beautiful, maintain it and share it.</p>	<p>Kat</p>	<p>25 Feb 2021, 08:48 AM</p>
<p>As an avid hiker, bicyclist, and dirt bike rider, I have seen the number of choices for motorized trails shrink and shrink every year over the last 2 decades. Please work to keep open the few motorized riding and access options that are left! Thanks.</p>	<p>Mitch H</p>	<p>26 Feb 2021, 01:57 PM</p>

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<p>We are writing to ask that the Avon Town Council oppose the proposal to open US Forest Road 779 to motorized vehicles. This road can be entered only by traversing through our quiet residential neighborhood. I have witnessed motorized vehicles on that road when I was hiking, and they are very disruptive to hikers, dogs, and wildlife. Increasing the traffic in the neighborhood would be the inevitable result. It also poses risks to the abundant wildlife in the neighborhood.</p> <p>But we are most deeply concerned about the increased fire risk in a fragile wild area. Opening US Forest Road 779 to motorized vehicles in this residential neighborhood is asking for serious fire risk. Drought prevails on these hillsides and low snow fall is not helping. Allowing commercial trailers of motor bikes, ATVS to park along upper Wildridge Road and increasing access to this steep hillside not only harms the wild life but increases the chances of fire. The fragile hillside cannot safely handle private cars and jeeps, many of which do not have spark arresters. Wildridge already faces serious fire risks. At this point, there is only one road in and out of Wildridge, and increasing the fire risk in our neighborhood poses major risks to the families who live there.</p> <p>Please oppose the development of US Forest Service Road 779. In view of the results of last Summer’s Wildridge Community Survey, showing only minor support for motorized access via FR779, Town Council needs to take action. An ordinance, consistent with the Wildridge Protective Covenants and state statutes, strictly limiting or prohibiting OHV use of all Avon streets, should be enacted and enforced.</p>	<p>Janet</p>	<p>26 Feb 2021, 03:29 PM</p>
<p>Please abide by the decision of the WRNF in 2011 which included closure of FSR 779 to all motorized use and subsequent decommissioning. Allowing increased access by ATVs, Snowmobiles and dirt bikes will have a negative impact on wildlife and the overall health of our environment. The people who voiced their concerns in 2018 have the same concerns today. The motorized vehicle advocates want better access but at what cost to the environment to support their special interest group desires?</p>	<p>jh</p>	<p>26 Feb 2021, 05:10 AM</p>

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<p>Wildridge is a unique neighborhood because of its access to White River National Forest. Most of our neighbors are outdoor loving people who enjoy the access to the trails FSR 779 &amp; 717. We live very near the entrance to FSR 779 and see the utilization of these trails by all types of recreational users. One of the main reasons we moved to the neighborhood is to be able to use motorized vehicles to access our National Forest. There are few neighborhoods of the Wildridge caliber that have this feature. We value access to the trails, we support public road utilization to enter and exit the trail access points, and commend our neighbors efforts to expand and maintain these valuable resources. We thank Avon Council for their review and support of maintaining our access and improving our experience of White River National Forest through Wildridge subdivision.</p>	<p>Arthur &amp; Elie Yuan</p>	<p>26 Feb 2021, 10:47 AM</p>
<p>Recreational use of 779 As we have seen during the past year more people are recreating in lands that wildlife traditionally occupy — creating a situation fraught with conflict that cries out for education. Talks of limiting access to overused hiking trails in Vail are ongoing. According to Saeger from the Eagle County Wildlife Committee, "We need to balance consumptive and non-consumptive recreation with wildlife habitat protection and provide “innovative mechanisms to support wildlife conservation, habitat enhancement and recreation in Eagle County.” I think we need to be very careful about making any decisions to enable increased traffic of snowmobiles, ATVs, dirt bikes etc that can access 779. Look at Berlaimont and the Save the Sheep effort in Vail. We need to protect the Wildlife.</p>	<p>TT</p>	<p>27 Feb 2021, 07:20 AM</p>

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<p>I understand that FSR 779 is a hot topic in our community of late, there are those that would like for the road to remain open for vehicle traffic and those that would like to see it closed. I feel like the people that would like to see it closed are largely those that have bought homes near the road, even though the road (and thus National Forest access) predates said neighborhoods. Similar situation to someone buying/building a home near an airport, gun range, interstate, etc and then complaining about the noise. If the road is closed it only effects those that would choose to access the national forest (that belongs to all of us) by ATV, dirt bike, snowmobile, or 4 wheel drive vehicles, it wouldn't restrict the access to those who choose to use the forest on foot or horseback. Now, if this forest belongs to all of us does this seem fair? As of now, all of these vehicles are legal in the united states and in the National Forests, so why would we disproportionately punish those who would choose to use them? I have read comments on here quoting things like wildlife protection and fire concerns caused by these vehicles. Well, there are already laws in place to protect these concerns. All vehicles used in our national forests are REQUIRED to have a spark arrestor and it is illegal to harass wildlife in any way. Maybe instead of restricting access we can work to enforce the laws that are already on the books? It is already illegal to speed through a neighborhood, it doesn't matter if it is in a mini-van or on a dirt bike. Many national forests around the country have found ways to make the forest accessible by all, I hope we can include our local forest one of these. Gunnison National Forest in and around Gunnison and Crested Butte CO is one of the best, perhaps we can get advice from them on how we can have a successful partnership.</p>	<p>Bart Birks</p>	<p>28 Apr 2021, 09:09 AM</p>
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<p>Hello, I recently learned of this from the article printed in the Vail Daily. We did not have an opportunity to participate in the neighborhood surveys, nor did we receive any correspondence in regards to it. We purchased our home in May of 2019, one of the biggest selling points for our family was the close proximity to both Rd. 779 and 717. We are a family of five with three young girls and all instantly became avid users of both trails year round, for hiking, running, mountain biking, hunting and OHV use. We may be running, hiking, or biking one day and riding our UTV the next. The curtesy I have witnessed by all types of trail users leads me to believe there are many others in the community who enjoy all the varieties of outdoor recreation that Wildridge offers, not just one, as my family and I do. This is what makes Wildridge so special and unique! As for the use of OHV's on the roads, our home overlooks Wildridge Rd. and Bear Trap Rd. so we see OHV traffic headed to and from both 717 and 779. In the past two years I have witnessed the vast majority of OHV's traveling under the speed limit, not over. On the other hand, I have witnessed numerous cars speeding, and we all know there are a handful of them that are MUCH louder than any of the dirt bikes, four-wheelers, and utv's that frequent the roads.</p> <p>We bought into the lifestyle that Wildridge offers and cherish every bit of it. For the record, as homeowners in the subdivision, we are strongly opposed to any trail closures and are in favor of legalizing's the use of OHV's on the roads. On a side note, I know we are not alone in the OHV user group from Wildridge who takes care of these trails, both maintenance and trash removal, and do this happily as there is a sense of "our backyard" that the direct access from the subdivision provides.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>	<p>Jake Nourse</p>	<p>28 Feb 2021, 06:15 AM</p>
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<p>The access points to trails for OHV usage and hiking usage was the main reason my family bought their house here in Wildridge. I've lived here since I was little and still live here with my own family because of the great access I have to these trails. I see comments about people wanting to protect wildlife and want to keep fire risks down.. yet what are those people exactly doing themselves to protect the wildlife? To me if there are those who are that concern then why aren't they wanting to protect wildlife on other trails rather than just the trails near their homes? When moving to Wildridge, wether you bought your house many years ago or recently, you are well aware that there are access points to trails in Wildridge and knowing that they are open to dirtbikes, snowmobiles, cars, and other OHVs. If one didn't want to have the "traffic" of OHV near their homes then they should have thought about that when purchasing their home. Or take into consideration in living in a neighborhood that doesn't have OHV access points or atleast live in a different part of Wildridge that isn't near these trails if they are honestly THAT concerned about OHV.</p> <p>When using OHV off any trail in Wildridge I have witness that the OHV are more courteous to those on foot than those who are on foot. I have had personal experience when dirtbiking on these trials and those who are hiking have yelled at me, stand right in my way so I cannot get through, grab at my arm while riding past to pull me from my bike, dogs in the way, and so much more. These are people who want to close down the trails because they are hikers who don't have respect for other users and want to keep the trails to themselves. From OHV experience on the trails and talking to others in the neighborhood wether they are for or against open trails, not ONCE have I ever heard anyone concerned for wildlife protection and / or fire saftey. I strongly stand to keep the trails open for all users!!</p>	Sarah S	28 Feb 2021, 09:03 AM
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