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Overall I like the proposed revisions. They have been needed for a long time so that the fish and wildlife needs don't over shadow the needs of our state parks.

The rest of my comment focuses on accessibility and what state parks should be providing for all public lands users, not just those that are physically fit to access and utilize them.

Throughout the document it identifies accessibility for all users no matter their physical ability, to enjoy the natural, scenic, historic, scientific, or and recreational legacy of Montana's heritage. I do believe that motorized trail riding is part of Montana's recreational legacy and heritage also. What has been missing for far too many years is the lack of access for people with physical disabilities such as myself who have to rely on motorized means to continue accessing and enjoying our state parks lands.

It really irks me whenever I hear the anti-motorized access people talk about protecting access to our public lands for everyone. They need to be honest and relay what is truly their opinion and that is; provided that you are physically fit, or you profit from the lands like fishing and hunting guides and ranchers. Tourism is a large business in Montana and I'm positive that people would come here to visit if there were motorized opportunities.

I realize that this comment is directed towards policy revisions but I think that there is a high need to build motorized trails for our senior citizens and the physically disabled. After all it is people such as myself that have instilled the out doors into our children and grandchildren and we would like to be able to continue to enjoying our public lands along with them rather than being thrown aside like a worn out tire. Continuing to being active in our senior years is good for our health and believe it or not we still have a lot to offer to maintain our public lands.

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