



Letter: Pryor coalition seeks balance of uses

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News flash: The Pryors Coalition supports ATV use! Several recent letters from ATV riders have argued for keeping roads in the Pryors open for motorized access. They state that "the forests of this country are for all citizens" and that we should "regulate, not eliminate, the use" of off-highway vehicles (OHVs and ATVs).

These writers should join with the Pryors Coalition to do exactly that. The Pryors Coalition proposes an abundance of motorized routes through spectacular Pryor Mountain scenery. These roads would be available for the elderly, the disabled and anyone who just didn't want to get away from their vehicle that day.

The coalition also proposes nonmotorized trails and areas where people can, when they want, escape from the motorized noise and commotion to the quiet solitude that is the wonder of the Pryors. The wildlife would also appreciate this escape.

At www.pryormountains.org, see the Pryors Coalition's moderate and balanced proposal, which provides half of the Pryors for motorized use. There are over 75 miles of roads (not counting BLM land) through all the spectacular landscapes and to all the major viewpoints.

Custer National Forest's proposed Travel Plan for the Pryors is not balanced. It does not provide recreation opportunities for all citizens. The dominant use of the Pryors would be for the few percent of the forest users who use ATVs. Where will the rest of us go? What about the future? Use the easy link at the Web site to tell Forest officials to reconsider.

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