

Letter: Pryors should have balanced management

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What are they thinking? Custer National Forest thinks it's a good idea to designate eight motorized routes up Big Pryor Mountain - and no designated routes for hikers, mountain bikers and horse riders. Are the Pryors a motor sports park?

Custer National Forest thinks it's a good idea to allow unlicensed vehicles on these many "motorized trails." They think allowing licensed vehicles is not enough. They want to "provide opportunities for operation of unlicensed vehicles" because of "demand for a range of recreation opportunities." It is difficult to report the license plate number of unlicensed ATVs abusing the public land. What are they thinking?

Apparently Custer National Forest thinks it's a good idea to allow young children to drive on our public land. What are they thinking? Please check out <http://atvsafetynet.org>.

Doesn't Custer National Forest think the majority of users (hikers, mountain bikers and horse riders) belong in the "range of recreational opportunities" in the Pryors?

Please see what a moderate and balanced plan would look like at www.pryormountains.org.

The proposal from the Pryors Coalition provides recreation opportunities for all people including hikers, mountain bikers, horse riders - and licensed ATV riders.

While you are at the above Web site, use the easy link to write the Custer National Forest about what you think is a good idea. The comment deadline is Dec. 19.

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