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Dear Ranger McIntyre,

It has been brought to our attention from many diverse stakeholders and users of the Angeles National Forrest of the illegal construction of a single-use Mountain Bike Trail with numerous engineered switchbacks, humps and over 45 obstacles (jump, deck ramps, seesaws, luge turns, etc) located within the National Forrest near Riverwood.

This trail has been created over the last year with extensive grading and a large amount of lumber and includes official trail signs and informational signs to give the appearance of being an officially approved trail. It is within 40 yards of the Rattlesnake Trail and it runs parallel with a blind view for either trail user.

Beyond the speed and noise of the mountain bikes startling the hikers and equestrians on Rattlesnake trail, it will also cause mishaps and spook horses. The engineering of the trail with its obstacles has grave liability issues for Angeles National Forrest and the local land owners.

This is a one way track designed for excessive speed of mountain bikes with many artificially constructed airborne features; it is not multiuse and is an unsafe trail. The environmental damage of the cuttings of foliage and plants as well as improper trail grading with waterbars and deep cutting into the sides of hills has caused vast damage. (See attached DVD's.)

We look forward to your review and recourse in this matter. Please keep us informed of the status, changes and remedies performed by the National Forrest on this issue.

Regards,

Dale Gibson,  
President Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council

cc. City of Los Angeles, Bike Advisory Committee  
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