A REPORT

ON

MOUNTAIN BIKE USE

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INTRODUCTION

Some contradictions surround the mountain bike controversy. It seems as if many of those who own mountain bikes are the same people who hold strong environmental ethics. A second paradox is that two former allies, the non-polluting bicyclist and the conservation-oriented hiker, are now at odds over mountain bike use on federal, state and local park lands. We will look at the issues, illustrate how some management agencies are handling mountain bikes and will conclude with a recommendation to the Board.