

## **Please Help Preserve the "Hogback" Area**

### **To the editor:**

I understand the emotion that comes with the "Hogbacks" and how they have been used over the past 30 years. Yes, the Hogback was there long before the neighbors, it was there long before there was a Cañon City and motorcycles.

Unlike 30 years ago, when most of the riders were local, we have people traveling from Pueblo, Colorado Springs, Denver and other areas. Why? Because most of those areas have been closed to motorized vehicles due to the erosion problems, the general destruction of the land and quite frankly the entitlement attitude of some.

Remember when the ATV's and motorcycles are the using the area of the Hogback, they are doing so at the grace of either private property owners or the City of Cañon City. Most of the area is posted no trespassing and no motorized vehicles allowed. I am not advocating total closure, but regulations to preserve the area.

The idea is to preserve the Hogback area as it was long ago. This area is still close enough to Garden Park and the dinosaur digs that there have been dinosaur foot prints found along the Hogback area is not man made, but mankind can destroy it. Please help to preserve it.

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