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Comments:

As a graduate in Forest Mgmt. (Univ of MO-Columbia) and a 35 year career employee w/ the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, with early years w/the Forest Service (WY & AZ), I can not understand the importance of creating roads in roadless areas of the Forest. New roads obviously will facilitate the travel of off-road vehicles & mountain bikes and greater number of peoples, causing damages per erosion, fires, stream degradation, noise and interruption of daily and seasonal cycles of remote prone wildlife species - to name just few degrading intrusions. I have owned both the above vehicles and know the damage these machines can cause, as you Forest managers should also understand. To say the least, with the onslaught of the warming of the planet, remote areas will serve a more important function than it as ever proved per sustaining wildlife populations which do best in remote mountain ecosystems. Therefore, I suggest two items for decision makers of this Forest Plan: 1. Educate and enlighten yourself by reading "The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History" (by Elizabeth Kohert) before proposing an alternative - discuss it w/your professional peers and scientists 2. Chose Alternative "D".