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USDA Forest Service
Detroit Ranger District
David Halemeier
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Re: Forest Road 2225-450 Decommissioning

Dear David Halemeier:

Marion County does not support the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service proposal to decommission Road 2225-450. The proposed closure will limit public access to Detroit Lake and discourage recreational use in the area.

Detroit Lake is a popular destination in Marion County and it provides approximately 70% of the jobs in the Detroit Lake area. We encourage the U.S. Forest Service to keep all access points to Detroit Lake open and accessible to the public.

The Marion County Sheriff's Office was consulted and had the belief there would be continued gated access with little-to-no impact to public safety. However, with the planned use of boulders to fully block access to the shoreline, that assessment has changed, and they now feel the proposed changes will limit emergency access and hinder their response within the area.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposed decommissioning of Road 2225-450.

Sincerely,

Marion County Board of Commissioners


Kevin Cameron, Chair


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