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I have reviewed the Proposal WR-26 and fully appreciate the intent and the knowledge of the Forest Service in making this proposal. I have used this road on numerous occasions over the past fifteen or so years, and have observed firsthand the damage you are working to reduce. I have also observed more ATV traffic on this road in the last five or so years as these vehicles have become more popular.

Your proposed width limitation limits motorized traffic on this road to ATVs. One obvious advantage of this is the lighter weight of these vehicles. One significant disadvantage I think is another inherent feature of these vehicles, the ability to go nearly anywhere. This makes it more likely that the road will be expanded to avoid damaged areas simply because the ATV operators can do so. This would especially harm the riparian areas the Forest Service is trying to protect. Larger trucks generally adhere to the existing path as they are less nimble.

I believe that the majority of the damage to this road occurs during the spring months when runoff softens the soil. A seasonal closure during the spring months would prevent this type of damage.

I am asking the Forest Service to re-consider their proposal WR-26, replacing the current width limit with a spring seasonal closure. If after a reasonable trial this method is unsuccessful, I would fully support the Forest Service width limitation.

Respectfully,

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