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My name is Jim Fisher. I am writing to comment on proposed change WR-26.

I believe that the proposed change is more likely to defeat the stated purpose of the change than to serve it. Permanently converting Bear Creek Road (FS-501) to an "ATV trail" will not improve the quality of the road or protect riparian areas. The damage done by ATVs is worse than that caused by trucks because ATVs go faster, have smaller wheels, and make more trips due to their limited storage capacity. The ruts caused by ATVs on the road are quite visible.

Instead of prohibiting use of trucks year-round, a far better solution would be to close the road to all vehicles during the runoff season in the spring. That is when the road is most fragile and the majority of the damage is done. Closing the road for that limited period of time will be more beneficial for the road, and for the overwhelming majority of those who use it during the remainder of the year, than the proposed change.

Thank you for your attention to these comments.

Sincerely,

James Austin Fisher

