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subject: travel management comments

Positive environmental effects of extending usage of ATV's in the forest are minimal at best. Perhaps providing a joy ride for operators of ATV'S considered forest recreation but I fail to see a beneficial affect to the environment.

Negative environmental effects include;
erosion of soil
mechanical noises
air pollution from exhaust

human and wildlife safety
source of fire ignition
human liter and waste
human conflict
destruction of forest serenity

specific to the planed travel management Northern unit:

AZ-A proposes to extend a ATV trail through an elk calving and wintering area also used by grizzlies. This area has a maze of illegal ATV trails. Granting a new atv trail here validates the violation of law. Not a good management practice and not recommended.

The creation of loop trails promotes a race tract situation and doses not seam to fit a forest environments. Use of existing forest roads is sufficient. Road 123.1b needs a repair of a washout at line creek to complete a loop and connect to road 123.

Enforcement of ATV's is a serious problem. I suggest larger more visible license plates would help this problem and make reporting violations easier. A heavy penalty for violation of rules will also help achieve compliance of ATV users.

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