USFS ROAD USE

In one sentence: As property owners within the WNF we feel that access to properties is critical, BUT Public access must be limited. We feel that the road system needs to be reconstructed to a point for access. Roads that go to no specific place or contribute to ‘developed’ recreational areas are secondary roads, and should remain closed to the public.

Examples: The 2231 or Boulder Crk Rd. is a road to nowhere. It connects to the 2233 McCoy Crk. Rd. through the 810-Bull Frog cutoff. The 2231 across to Breitenbush is not necessary and exposes the public to miles of hazards, as well as opening thousands of private acreage up to public harassment again, without recourse.

The 2233 or McCoy Crk. is another example of a road to nowhere, but it has developed recreational sites and trails; snowmobile shelter, Trianglation Peak, is the USFS going to open the road as well as what trails it serves? You can’t have one without the other.

The 2234 or Coopers Ridge is another road to nowhere. No recreational sites, again exposing public to hazards and private acreage to harass.

Bruno Mt. Rd. the 2242 is another road to nowhere, above JoJo lake there are no legitimate developed public sites. Keep it closed.

The 2243 or Whitewater Crk. Rd. is a legitimate road to somewhere, access to hiking trails, and undeveloped camp sites and private property. If this road was to be opened is the USFS going to also open up the trails it serves?

The 2246 or Pamelia Crk. Rd. is a road to somewhere, Mt. Jefferson. The road is relatively safe, are the trails to Jeff? Are the trails safe?

We understand that recreation is a goal of the USFS, but when this recreation becomes property damage (with no recourse), hazardous recreation and further environmental damage, now is the time to stop it. Don’t let it get started, then try to take the candy from the baby.

Again, one tool to use in determination is the question; what useful purpose is this particular road, does it expose an acceptable recreational site? Is the USFS going to open, restore and make safe, hiking trails that are exposed by opening up roads, you can’t have one without the other.

As a property owner in the affected area, the public access to this area is not in the best interest of the public or the property owners in the area. We have spent years cleaning garbage from properties, we can’t keep the public off private land, and harassing properties. We have environmental concerns also.

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