

**Statement of Concern Regarding the Recreation Component of the Sand Lake Restoration
Project #53176**

We, the undersigned, are members of the community in and around the Sandlake area. We have recently been made aware that the expected use of the proposed trail system may have been grossly underestimated for the purposes of this assessment and we urge the Forest Service to consider these claims. We ask the Forest Service to construct a case study characterizing the likely scale of use, to generate an environmental assessment that takes an honest look at the expected impacts of concentrated human recreation at the identified scale, and to develop credible mitigation strategies in response to those impacts.

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