EAST FORK SOUTH FORK RESTORATION AND ACCESS MANAGEMENT PLAN

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The EFSF plan fails to address the significant effect of motorized recreation on the local economy and Valley County as a whole. The forest should provide the analysis that led to the comment “Increase in motorized access are not expected to change visitation to Yellow Pine”. This plan should not be based on any individual’s agenda.

Sugar creek is a historical road built by miners and maintained by miners supporting the local economy. It should be open to the public with a kiosk at the turnaround providing information about the historical area. By providing a 70” trail the cost of the recreational bridge could be offset by potential grants. Red metal Mine rd. should be open the public across the mine to a look out and again provide a kiosk with historical information.

In 1995 the population in Idaho was 1,165,000 in 2024 the population is 1,965,766, Recreational opportunities and access have become increasingly removed without public input. Social trails are a direct response to the Forest Service lack of recreational planning and reaction to outdated science. The plan uses a 2006 travel management plan on the Payette even though the Krassel Dist. Was not part of the plan. As a result, existing recreational opportunities were either ignored or removed. The last summer travel plan on the Krassel was the 1994/1995 map. It would be an appropriate place as a starting point for the new story map.

Trail 069 to Parks Peak was closed for private business, It should be re-opened for the public.

070 Rainbow ridge from parks creek to sheep creek from parks creek to sheep creek should remain open for single track.

All existing trails should remain open and new opportunities should be explored.

Please provide the analysis received from Federal fish and Wildlife and Idaho dept. of Species conservation on critters effected in this project,

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