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My comment on the Blue Mt. forest plan.

1. Do not close any roads or cross country travel. If roads are not used they will close themselves. Roads need to be there for fire suppression and access to forest fires.

This year we lost thousands of acres to fire because of the time wasted to re-open roads to fight it. Lets learn from past mistakes.

- 2 This area is devoid of any family sustaining industry. We need the forest to be opened up for logging, grazing, fire wood gathering and hunting, etc.

No more wilderness or roadless areas. So much of this area is already unreachable to the average people.

Logging and grazing cut down on the forest fuel load. We need more of both.

- 3 You make it sound like the forest is overrun with motorized vehicles & people. It's Not. One of your reasons for shutting the forest down is motorized vehicles scaring the wildlife out. Wildlife is out because of poor forest management. Take a good look; there is nothing for them to eat out there. Please stop lying.

- 4 Question: If this Forest plan is nearly identical to the 2018 plan that failed to meet community needs Then what makes you think this one will?

- 5 If you want to do something with roads, how about you fix the pot holes in the 39 road. The holes are huge and deep. And, this road is a Wild and Scenic by way! Shame on you all. Are you waiting for someone to be hurt or worse? The road has been like this for years.
- 6 My two cents worth is to give it back to the private sector and you and your regulations and closures can take a hike.

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