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We need a plan that encourages cooperation between diverse recreation interests, and between recreationists and the resource industries. I feel that all of the proposed plans would have a detrimental effect on the local economy. Therefor I am in favor of the No Action Alternative.

Access and Road Management - Prior to being closed or obliterated for any reason, roads should be evaluated for their recreational importance. I am a member of a responsible outdoor recreation club and we encounter newly closed roads and trails every year. One in particular near my home had been traveled by off-road vehicles for over half a century and was closed by the forest service not too long ago. As a club we put in many hours in trail maintenance and cleanup in areas that our rangers do not have the money for. There are some beautiful places that will never be visited due to the closed trails and roads in our area.

Commercial Timber - There is very little timber actually coming from our national forest lands today, and we haven't even come close to harvesting the amount of timber that was projected in the current plan.

Wilderness & Recommended Wilderness - Fire suppression in Wilderness is very difficult. Roads and forest management practices, such as thinning diseased trees, are not allowed in Wilderness, and fire suppression is discouraged in many Wilderness areas. The forests will not recover to their original condition for 100 of years. Stopping a fire in this region before it moves out of the Wilderness and wipes out the towns would be difficult.