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Comments: The "Loop Hill" area between Fish Lake and the Chiwawa River is heavily used by a number of groups, horse riders, XC skiers (the flying squirrel trail), mountain bike riders, day hikers/birders, hunters and 4 wheel ORV users and some dirty bike (moto) users.

A number of the roads in this area are problematic as they are quite steep and thus contribute to erosion, and aren't used by the groups above except for motorized users.

First recommendation is this area needs to be gated to reduce bandit 4 wheel access. I would go so far as to gate NF6121 at both ends to reduce 4 wheel traffic. We have seen considerable damage done by quads running off the roads and on horse paths on loop hill. There is also significant boondock camping on the east side between NF6121 and the Chiwawa River

Second recommendation to call a meeting to gather input on which roads are being used by non-motorized groups so they can be closed or partially decommissioned vs completely removed. I don't believe most of the non-motorized users are using the steep roads which are the most environmentally problematic