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Comments: Multi-group objection letter from Center for Biological Diversity, WildEarth Guardians, Sierra Club,

Defenders of Wildlife, Wild Arizona, and White Mountain Conservation League.

We strongly support the components of the proposed action that would reduce the impacts to sensitive and imperiled species, waterways, riparian areas, and habitat connectivity, and reduce conflicts between motorized recreation and quiet uses. We commend the obvious effort and consideration that went into the development of this FEIS, and it is apparent that the Forest Service gave serious attention to many of the issues that we identified in our previous comments. We support the proposal to limit the total number of roads open for public access and we particularly support the decision not to open roads along the San Francisco River and Blue River. We must, however, respectfully object to the decision not to include conservation measures that would reduce impacts to important species habitat. We also must express our opposition to the opening of 158 miles of roads and 81 miles of user-created motorized trails in such an already densely roaded landscape.