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Comments: As an avid off road enthusiast I find that it is important to maintain proper access to our public lands to everyone. I enjoy off roading with my family in North Dakota and many other places. I am a member of the Cliffhanger ND 4x4 club where we strive to use our public land responsibly. The national grass lands and badlands of North Dakota are amazing and should be enjoyed by everyone. We need a proper management plan to keep trails open and allow people access to the area. I attend an event in sand hollow in Hurricane Utah called Trail Hero. This event raises money and awareness to help disabled people and veterans to enjoy off road activities and for many people it's the only way they can access our public lands due to disabilities. I write this from an Airbnb in Moab Utah where I see many different ways to manage trails. There are signs that designate the trail difficulty, gate keepers to show people what to expect, signs with maps etc. We can easily make the national grasslands a place where people come to enjoy off-roading responsibly but there needs to be some effort put in. We need trails marked and open (closure is not management). We need signs designating the trails. Some of these trails should only be open during the summer months to avoid tearing up the ground when it's muddy. I also think that if people had a good place to go off-roading (sand hollow as an example) then they'd be less likely to tear up places they shouldn't be. We should designate an off road area for people to enjoy. My thoughts may not be organized like they should but with some cooperation we can make a great management plan for the national grasslands.