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Comments: Objections By Road Number

8432 - In Alternative 2, this road is designated ML2. It follows and is frequently crossed over by the drainage for that area (see pictures 8432A.jpg and 8432B.jpg) that feeds into Colter Creek. Colter Creek is the source of water for a number of Norviel Decree water permit holders in Nutrioso. This road is used for service by Alpine Fire Department and a local internet service provided, and may be used to provide access to a grazing permit holder. Due to the sensitive nature of riparian areas and the dependence on clear water for Nutrioso residents and T&E species, and the potential for severe rutting in several areas this road should be closed with access provided only to service the towers and allow for grazing.

81A - In Alternative 2, this road is designated ML2. This road is in the Auger Canyon area of Nutrioso that has seen heavy ATV damage in the past (see pictures AugerCanyonA.jpg and AugerCanyonB.jpg). 81A comes very close to an occupied residential area multiple times, and if used by ATVs, will create noise and dust, disrupting the quiet nature of the neighborhood. It also is the access point for multiple closed roads in an area already dealing with heavy ATV damage. Unless the NFS is willing to create barriers to each and every one of these closed roads, they need to close this road.

ATV28 - In Alternative 2, this road is designated ATV. At the SE end of this road (at 88R, see picture 88R.jpg) is Colter Creek. Colter Creek is the source of water for a number of Norviel Decree water permit holders in Nutrioso. Due to the sensitive nature of riparian areas and the dependence on clear water for T&E species, the termination of the ATV28 road at 88R needs to have a physical barrier to keep ATV operators from driving across the creek. If the NFS isn't able to physically stop the motorized traffic from crossing this waterway, ATV28 needs to be closed.

ATV33 - In Alternative 2, this new road is designated ATV. At the northern end it crosses the Red Hole Draw, an area known for a denning site used by the threatened Mexican Gray Wolf and a drainage that feeds into Colter Creek. Due to the sensitive nature of riparian areas and the dependence on clear water for T&E species, and considering that this water supply joins Colter Creek in providing water for Nutrioso, this road should be physically closed. If the NFS isn't able to provide this protection to T&E species and Nutrioso residents, other roads (287, ATV28) in the area that provide access to ATV33 should be closed.

88B, 581 and 586 - In Alternative 2, these roads are designated ML2. Seasonally, these roads both pass through vernal pools and marshy wetlands, important to T&E species and all wildlife. They should be closed seasonally. Picture 88B.jpg, shows camping spur off 88B.

8067 - In Alternative 2, this road is designated ML2. This road comes very close to an occupied residential area multiple times, and if used by ATVs, will create noise and dust, disrupting the quiet nature of the Tal-Wi-Wi neighborhood, which sources its drinking water from springs in the area. Additionally, this road crosses over multiple drainages. Previously used by the permit holder to access the pastures, this is a popular hiking route for residents of Alpine and Nutrioso. Due to the sensitive nature of riparian areas and the dependence on clear water for residents and T&E species, and the potential for severe rutting in several areas this road should be closed with access provided only to the permit holder and foot/horse traffic.

8249 - In Alternative 2, this road is designated ML2. In recent years it has become extremely damaged by motor vehicle traffic and is almost impassible. If it remain open NFS need to show it has sufficient funds to repair and maintain this road.

8249S - In Alternative 2, this road is designated ML2. This road comes very close to an occupied residential area, and if used by ATVs, will create noise and dust, disrupting the quiet nature of the Alpine Divide neighborhood. In recent years it has become extremely damaged by motor vehicle traffic and is almost impassible. It also is the access point for multiple closed roads in the area and should be itself be closed to prevent further disruption to the private property owners in the area.