

To Whom It May Concern

I would like to be put on record as being totally against any more road closures or obliterations on the South Fork of the Salmon.

All the groups that want to obliterate these roads keep stating how many miles of trail are open to motorcycles. Very few of these miles are actually used. Most all of these trails aren't maintained. If, you are young enough & want to ride these trails on a weekend, you can't do it anyway. There isn't time enough over a weekend to cut out a trail & travel anywhere.

The Forest Service, in its decision making, needs to put a lot more emphasis on local economies. Take Yellow Pine for instance in the South Fork Area. Logging & Mining were taken away from the economy. We were told we would need to rely on Tourism for the new economy. Now the Forest Service, in its decision making, is taking Tourism Dollars away from the Yellow Pine Economy.

Some of these roads need opened up for UTV use. This would bring much needed Tourism Dollars to the Yellow Pine economy in food, fuel & refreshment services.

UTV riders are made up of a lot older age group than motorcycle riders. Older recreationists spend more money in a local economy than younger recreationists.

The bottom line is these older UTV owners need some where to travel. There are well engineered roads already on the South Fork that can be put to use as UTV Trails. This would give the public access to views & scenery in the National Forest Service that are now only available to back packers, horsemen, limited motorcycle riders & by aircraft. These roads on the South Fork that the Forest Service wants to obliterate are not in a Wilderness Area. Again, most these roads were highly engineered, expensive bridges & culverts put in when they were constructed. All this is already there. Put them to use as trails for UTV riders!

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