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Comments: I as a firewood gatherer object to the timber leases being so long and then when the lease is up the road is blocked. We should be allowed to go in for at least two years to clean up the mess they leave. We as firewood gatherers would not hurt the terrain near as much as the timber cutters.

We the people own the National Forest and we should be first allowed to cut the timber. What the timber cutters pay does not compensate for the damage.

Another gripe is how can the Craig Crest trail be closed? Here again we the people own it and cannot use it but a private company can cause it to be closed and for who knows how long. Where is our rights as tax payers and owners?

Driving on Grand Mesa I see signs that says no firewood cutting. Did we the public asked to have them put up? When in the past you have designated an area to cut firewood it is so small that it does not make it worth cutting there. Give us an area as big as the timber company gets.

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