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Comments: I enjoy the use of the GMUG and public lands for recreation. I am thankful that this forest and lands has been managed by personnel and organizations with interest in sustaining the resources so they will be around for future use. I use the forest for motorized offroad motorcycle recreation and appreciate the facilities and labor that has been spent to make this possible.

As populations, user numbers, and other commercial and residential activities increase I believe it is necessary to continually visit the management practices of the forest and public lands. I do not believe that abandoning the ideas and policies of yesterday is the answer, however resting on the laurels of the past is most certainly not the answer. I agree with need for further management that is well thought out, and considers the needs and requirements of all user groups. I believe the Forest Service should bear the burden of assuring that these groups are considered.

Although I use the forest for motorcycle riding I recognize that other groups enjoy the area just as much during their recreational discipline. I believe these recreational users could share the area in a way that would be positive for all with proper management. Blanket closure of recreational area that force higher density use are not methods of proper management.

I also ask the Forest Service to consider the needs and requirements of the cattlemen that graze these lands. Their stewardship of these lands is obvious to the recreational user. If not for their cattle grazing these lands numerous water and road projects would not be maintained. If not for grazing the local economies would surely suffer a painful collapse.

I ask the Forest Service to consider these comments and develop a management plan that allows all users to enjoy these lands. A management plan that makes a partnership between agriculture, environmentalism, recreation, and the local residents would prop up the local economies and keep the forest available to those that want to responsibly use its lands. I believe such a management plan is possible.

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