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Comments: First, I want to thank you for soliciting comments regarding your new "Forest Plan".

I would like to recommend increasing, developing and maintaining recreational opportunities such as airstrips that serve dual functions of access to US Forest recreation while dispersing that recreation away from already crowded areas near road access and safety such as; emergency landing strips for forest service aircraft and others and medical evacuation. An important part of the above goal will be to include wherever appropriate the term "airstrips" wherever roads and trails appear in the document. Inclusion of volunteer groups to assist in research, development and maintenance is very important. Lastly, Forest Service Managers and Supervisors should all be well informed regarding available informational resources regarding airstrips within their jurisdiction and given greater emphasis to support their airstrip infrastructure.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration,

Mike Sommars