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Comments: Hello,

I'd like to express how important it is to me that airstrips in national forests remain available to the public just like any road or trail. I've had the fantastic opportunity to fly into public lands in many different states. General Aviation gives access to public lands in a way that is enrapturing and significantly less destructive than ATV trails or roads. Therefore I request that the purposed action be changed to include protecting public access to airstrips just the same as roads and trails. Perhaps airstrips can simply be included where ever public rights to trails and roads is stated.

Please be sure to clearly state aviation be an acceptable activity with other recreations and protect the federal rights of general aviation as a recreation.

Please be sure that airstrips are included infrastructure planning and plenty of reference is made to documented sources for maintaining airstrips and the importance of airstrips from the BLM and USFS.

The proposed action seems to include information on accessing and planning roads, trails etc but seems to be lacking on this subject for airstrips. Can you please include that?

Thank you so much for your help. I enjoy backcountry aviation and making using of airstrips on public lands and i would love for that recreation to continue being allowed, protected, and planned for on public lands such as national forests.

Thank you,

Daniel Geaslen