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Comments: Hello Ms Crider,

Regarding the upper Wynoochee road closures and decommissions, I would like to suggest a conversion of the majority of those roads to single track dirt bike/motorcycle trails, mountain bikes and hiker and horse use as well. Single track for dirt bikes is severely limited in ONF and single track trails for motorized use would entail much less upkeep and budget to maintain. Indeed most of the maintenance would probably be performed by riders and clubs and properly constructed trails will have minimal environmental impact. Roads that are reduced to a smaller footprint than currently will serve nicely as the beginnings of a very good trail system. This could also serve to reduce the cost of the decommissioning costs, merely stopping the 2 track vehicles from entering the former road bed.

Thanks

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