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Comments: It is realized that the forest needs to be managed and we believe the management opportunities and goals should include recreation. With that being said, recreational opportunities should be made available for all of the public and not a select few groups or categories.

As for existing roads and trails, we feel that many trails have been closed to some historic uses and should be re-evaluated to consider the reasons of being closed. Also, any roads that are determined to be closed and/or obliterated should be reconsidered due to possible recreational opportunities such as ohv use and/or walking trails with handicap possibilities.

More and more tax paying citizens are looking to the national forests for recreational purposes and opportunities. The need to diversify these visitors is becoming more and more of an issue and should be considered in the decision process.

As for over-snow use, any area that has an adequate amount of snow coverage should be made available for the general public to recreate. Motorized winter recreation does not leave any permanent impact on the forest. As we are seeing more and more of this type of winter recreation it is becoming evident that there is a strong need to diversify the participants. To accomplish this there needs to be discussions on more opportunities for participants to find trail heads with adequate parking and facilities.

We appreciate the opportunity to make comment on this project and are available for any questions or comments.