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Comments: I strongly object to the roads closures in the new vegetation management project. Vegetation management does not relate to taking away the freedoms and rights of the public to use OUR lands. Most of the projects that the Forest Service comes up with includes the closing of roads that allow the public access to enjoy our lands. Management of our lands does not mean ever increasing restrictions on the public for access to our public lands. Speaking as a land manager/forester of forty years here in Central Oregon, I have witnessed the confiscation of access to our lands at the hands of the obtrusive big government USFS. Yes i have heard your excuses for which you do what you want to do and for which i can rebuke most of your arguments because i have lived and seen the changes over the years. I can also identify to you many areas of severe mis-management and waste. The resulting consequences are forcing more and more people into smaller and smaller spaces. Similar to controlling us around like cattle in a feed lot. The USFS is directly responsible for creating the same problems that they say they are trying to prevent. Keep our existing accesses open!

I had spent 2 years in Afghanistan in support of our operations over there. It is really SAD and DIS-HEARTENING that i come back home to realize that it is my own government that i fear taking my freedoms and liberties from me to access and use public lands. Not the Taliban or other terrorist organizations.

I would like to have input but i also know it would be like digging a hole with a shovel in water.

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