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Comments: I am a responsible 4x4 trail using person. I am also a hiker and just generally enjoy the outdoors. I was born and raised in Montana and then spent time in a state where the idea of forest management was "leave it all alone". That state has recently had some of the most horrific forest fires. My concern with any forest plan is accessibility for fire and rescue. If any part of the forest is completely closed off, then any roads for fire and rescue are the sole responsibility of the forest service.

There are groups in this state who will partner with the forest service and do "trail maintenance". But, those trails, even if they are not loops into or out of the forest need to be open for those groups to help maintain them.

When roads are closed, or areas are shut down, the open trails have to absorb extra wear and tear. While groups can help maintain a trail, there is little that can be done about wear and tear due to excessive use.

I am not confident any one of the plans is great or fantastic. I do think a mish mash of the plans is sound.

Please do not take any more trails away. Please open as much as you can. Let the people who use these lands for enjoyment help take care if them.