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Comments: I object to any road closures in the Apache Sitgreaves forest. As it is, roads are not maintained, making it hard to get around. Many roads, previously used for hunting or sight seeing, have been closed to vehicles. Senior citizens with limited mobility, handicapped and veterans will be extremely limited for access. The forest was established for multiple use for all and is technically owned by the tax payers of the United States. Closing roads and access to downed game will only result in careless off road outlaws intent on ruining habitat. Hunters will resort to just the antlers because that is all that can be retrieved on foot. I just bought a side by side because we can no longer hike great distances to hunt; now the USFS proposes to limit my travel and opportunity to hunt. Discrimination comes to mind. There is already a very limited number of roads here and closing what is here will be devastating to all. I live in the Apache Sitgreaves and the last big road closure included our only egress roads in case of fire. There is only 1 way in and one way out of this area. Even the firefighters on the Wallow fire had a hard time fighting without roads. They landed helicopters in our yard for us to ferry fire personnel as close as we could get them to the fire...Closing the roads because of wildlife is laughable. Apache trout are non-existent in Eagle Creek and for many years we have wanted the Game and Fish to re-stock like they used to. The Eagles and other birds/raptors are seasonal and we see plenty every year. For 25 years we have also complained to the USFS about the maverick cattle from the San Carlos Reservation overgrazing all of Eagle Creek. Get rid of them and the grass will come back for the wildlife. The rez cattle do far more damage to the land than having a few roads open to the public.