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Comments: The Apache Sitgreaves National Forests Public Motorized Travel Management Plan #22692 does not address off road travel needs for firewood cutting. Will it be legal to drive off road to cut and collect firewood? If so, how far off road can the vehicle travel? The plan does not say. Therefore it may very well be illegal to drive off road to harvest dead firewood. This would in effect limit firewood cutting to within about 75 yards or less from the road. Few people will want to carry their cut wood to their vehicle if the distance is more than 75 yards. This would severely reduce firewood harvesting and result in an accumulation of dead wood on the forest floor. In many spots this accumulation of wood could greatly increase the intensity of forest fires resulting in soil sterilization and eventual heavy erosion, and promote crown fires in Ponderosa Pines. This absolutely is not good.

A second consideration is that people with limited mobility (the handicapped, the sick, and the elderly) would not be able to drive off road. This would severely limit their ability to hunt and to otherwise enjoy the forest. these travel restrictions/plans are a bad idea.