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Comments: My mother, a native born Phoenician, was pregnant with me in the fall of 1951 when my father was snowbound for most of a week while up on the Mogollon rim hunting for meat to feed us. That nutrition was knit into my unborn bones and helped make me who I am.

All my life I've enjoyed camping and fishing and sightseeing in the Arizona forests, particularly the Rim country. My wife and I were camping on the Rim earlier this month, and drove (slowly) along the Rim road looking for wildlife just two weeks ago (we happily saw nearly 50 elk in two evenings!). We will be very displeased and sad if this road and many others like it are closed.

More than ever, Americans need access to public lands for peace, tranquility and the pursuit of happiness. It's not public land if it is made inaccessible to us seniors because roads are closed to travel.

There are so many unnecessary ways the government wastes our tax dollars. Reallocate those funds to help keep these roads open for sightseeing, hunting, fishing, hiking and camping!