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Comments: It is important that these roads remain open. I don't understand the slightest about Arizona as I am from Pennsylvania, but if Arizona is anything like Pennsylvania, shutting down forest roads is a great disservice to the citizens that reside in the location and those who come to visit. First and foremost, these desolate roads allow access to locations that prompt citizen response to underlying issues such as littering, illegal camping, and illegal dumping. By allowing these roads to maintain open, we prevent an off the map location for all of these activities to take place. The reason there are so detrimental is because they affect those who conduct all activities legally. Those who conduct their activities legally have no issues reporting their findings to the authorities or in such events such as illegal dumping, taking care of it on their own. The state will likely find the areas better maintained if the roads continue to remain open. Secondly, these roads provide access to the offroading community that would otherwise be rather expensive. These individuals use these roads as impromptu off-road adventures and without them, would need to spend hundreds of dollars for a similar experience. The closure of these roads would cost the tax payers not only money, but an additional benefit of an adventure that they should be entitled to. Finally, the state would be removing opportunities for memories. Picture a sons takes his father out on an adventure through these roads. If the roads aren't there for the son to use, memories cannot be made with his father. This is a disservice to the community who relies on activities such as this as a memory forming opportunity. Additionally, as a college student, I can attest that the only off-road budget I have supports free Wheeling, as unfortunately, I cannot afford to pay to go to off-road parks so I would much rather enjoy the state and national forests.