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Comments: To Whom It May Concern:

Alternatives #2 and #3 of the proposed Travel Management Plan should not be considered or adopted. The closure of the many roads and trails enumerated in those proposals will cause a number of serious problems. Not the least of which would be the inability of fire crews to reach and control many areas susceptible to devastating wildfires such as the Wallow Fire and the Rodeo Chediski fires in recent years.

I understand that the 4FRI plan which has stumbled trying to accomplish what it was designed for is perhaps finally on the right track. If the forest thinning anticipated over the next few years actually takes place we, the residents of the White Mountains, may finally see some relief from the annual threat of tragic fires. Until such time, the existing roads should remain open!

Yes, some roads are sorely in need of repair, but closing them is not the answer.

In addition, the other forests in Arizona have never had consistent regulations which our law enforcement personnel can enforce and establishing new regulations in the Apache Sitgreaves Forest will only add to the frustrations of such law enforcement people.

Please fall back on Alternative #1 and postpone any further consideration of new T.M. rules for a few years. If our forests can be brought back to good health, there may be a time in the future for consideration of such rules and limitations.

Thank you for considering my comments.