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Comments: For a long time, the Forest Service, in addition to preserving our National Forest, have assisted lumber companies in harvesting timber by identifying lands that could be harvested and building roads to them. The cost of road building has been borne by the U.S. tax payer as the lumber companies have claimed the road building costs would make it unprofitable for them. These claims were very much over-stated at best and in the recent years there has been more insistence for the lumber companies to pay the for road building themselves. I support this policy as I believe the lumber companies have been subsidized far too long. There should be standards for the road building that preserves natural watersheds and the health of the forests and priority given to those companies that preserve them.

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