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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I have grown up in Heber my entire life and enjoy the outdoors nearly every day of my life. Recently it has come to my attention that the forest service is attempting to close several forest service roads. A big reason these roads are being proposed closed is due to the high traffic numbers of ATV and UTV's. Why is it that rather than controlling those numbers or doing something about that problem you decide to close to forest instead? Closing the proposed roads will hurt thousands of people's ability to enjoy the forest. It is well known that once the forest service closes a road it is gone for good. Many people depend on these roads to hunt, cut wood, camp, get away from people and most important access for fire crews to fight fires quickly. This misguided plan is nothing more than an overreach by the federal government to deprive us of OUR lands and to appease environmental groups that want the forest closed. The comment period ends tomorrow and the main meeting in Heber was only 5 days ago. 5 days? Is that really all the time you are willing to give to us to hear your plan and comment before you shut off our roads? You must extend the comment period so others that dont even know of this plan can get up to speed and give their thoughts. It is obvious when we are only given 5 days to comment that you dont really care about our thoughts or comments. I urge you first to not close off any of our roads for the reasons listed above and ask that you extend the comment period to allow everyone to have a say rather than rushing this plan through. Thank you