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Comments: Overall I support Alternative 2, but I have some reservations.

I am in favor of closing illegal and unnecessary roads, since there are too many of them and they have fragmented many areas of the forest. I hope you have the resources to enforce the closures and enforce ORV violations.

I have some concerns about the 17-acre motorized travel area (sacrifice zone). First, I have combed through a lot of the documentation and cannot find any information on its location. Second, such an area will encourage riskier ORV driving practices. Does the Forest Service have adequate liability protection in the event of accidents and injuries? In addition, many of the smaller rural fire departments and their taxpayers will find it a burden to provide emergency services to a remote area.

Please keep in mind that having too many roads in use (whether legally or illegally) will accelerate the decline of the forest which is already undergoing impacts from climate change. When we have seen a 30% drop in bird populations since 1970, I think it would be wise for you to try to halt further damage to wildlife and bird habitat.

Thank you.