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Comments: The first comment I have about the forest management road closure process is the fact that my area did not have a meeting with Forest Service personnel until Oct. 24th. Final comments are due Oct. 29th giving local residents 5 days to review materials. Given that both options 2 and 3 seem to have more road closures to the area surrounding the Heber-Overgaard area than much of the other Apache Sitgreaves forest, that is a lot to digest and comment on in just 5 days.

The second comment I have is regarding fire danger. These roads are natural fire breaks in fighting and maintaining Forest health. Fire crews often use existing roadways to fight forests using them for both access and as fire breaks. Having fewer does not make since, especially to the extent of the amount of closures around Heber-Overgaard. Also CA is burning up and the electric company has been blamed for many of these fires. However the electric company has cited the extensive road closures in the forest as creating problems accessing and maintaining electrical lines. I question the extensive closures and maintaining fire health.

Please take these things into consideration and #1 extend the commenting period to allow for more extensive research for residents of the Heber-Overgaard area and #2 consider less closures in helping maintaining and protecting forest breaks and access in fighting fires.