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Comments: To whom it may concern, I and my friends are avid Hikers,backpackers, snow machine and dual purpose, (street legal) motorcyclists. We use the road system in this project area on a regular, year round basis. To see the seasons change from Buttermilk butte, Black Pine lake and both sides of the Twisp River til roads end is spectacular. We would hate to see our access to this area denied. We had just returned from east and west Oval Lakes prior to the fire that began around War creek and filled our backcountry with fire and our communities with smoke. We were very fearful that this high lake country would be destroyed.We were also worried our Twisp River neighbors would be burnt out. We understand the need to restore the area for flora and fauna however we feel the some times heavy handed massive road closures we have seen in the past are overkill and to us it seems like once any road is closed or gated, it takes years to get them reopened. Specifically the road from Andrews creek to the Trail head into Rimmel and Cathedral Lakes, the forest service Rd from North summit to Conconully, and the road that leads to the Buttermilk Ridge/Duffy Lake trail head.(still closed after 4? years) Please be judicious in the closure and the time needed to reopen these byways. We have heard the response of not having sufficient funds and we under stand there is merit in that. We will work on our politicians to free up a larger budget if you promise to use it effectively.

Thanks for the opportunity to be heard. D.S.