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Comments: The proposed road in this project puts at risk invaluable ecological information at a long term research site. This research site will provide essential information about recovery after a volcanic event. As a research scientist, I urge the Forest Service to use an alternative plan to make needed repairs that will not impact the structure of the long term research sites.

Roads, even gravel roads, have severe local impacts to water quality, run off, nutrient flow, wildlife mobility, and habitat quality. The effects of roads, even after decommissioned, last long into the future, generations after. The Forest Service must consider other routes to move equipment that do not result in lasting, negative change to a critically important scientific research area.