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Comments: Hello, I am writing this in an attempt to protect the access we have to public lands. I understand growing population, and reduced budgets has created problems with the forestry services ability to maintain roads, and designated recreation areas. I believe there are better solutions than to simply begin denying access in the name of restoration. I represent one of the many GA 4x4 clubs, and I am a member of multiple others. We have around 1000 members. The collective of GA 4x4 clubs is more than 20,000 people spread across various clubs. I have several proposals of mutual interest. #1 I would like to work with the forestry service to organize volunteer days with 4x4 clubs To assist with trail cleanups, and maintenance. #2 I have been doing mapping, and would like to propose an Overlanding route that could be created by tying existing forest roads together. This would create a continuous trail system with pay to access. This should generate significant revenue to combat budget cuts. NC has The Uwharrie off road trail system. It generates revenue significant to support itself, and it's yearly maintenance. Kentucky built an Overlanding route in the Daniel Boone National Forest. The type of people this would attract are mindful of "Leave only footprints mentality." I've been discussing this plan with people across various clubs for a while, and people are fine paying for access if we get better remote camping, continuous trails for traversing the state off of pavement, and an increase of cooperation between the Forestry Service and the Eco minded users of our public lands. I can muster significant volunteer support, and I am willing to dedicate personal time to finding the best common ground between frequent land users, and the Forestry Service. Thank You