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Comments: Neither alternative 2 nor 3 should be implemented. The Forest Service should not be further restricting the public's access to PUBLIC lands under the guise of environmental protection. The job is to serve the public which pays their salary by maintaining sustainable access for the public to public lands. I am not advocating a free-for-all or anarchy in our national forests, but these broad brush closures take away massive tracks of land to address a largely manufactured problem. Like the saying goes, don't punish the 90% because of the 10%.

Budget issues are used as the excuse in several instances here. As I look around I see many opportunities for the forest service to go lean. Annual fleets of new trucks; rangers in full armored, fully loaded out tactical vests and pulling over vehicles on on the highway for suspected speeding; and fancy new visitor/office centers are all prime examples of budgetary negligence that should be addressed rather than further restricting the public's access to public lands.

If either alternative 2 or 3 is passed, can we expect a significant reduction in taxes once the closures are completed? Who will oversee and permit the closure process to ensure no impact to the environment during the closure process?

Rather than spending unnecessary time and money on closing roads that aren't hurting anything, the forest service should focus on opening and maintaining existing road ways. These closures will cause greater trail congestion and animal pressure on the few roads remaining open after the new travel management plan and these alternatives. This will not only discourage locals from enjoying our wonderful forests, but local businesses will be negatively impacted as less people care to play bumper cars on our few remaining trails.

The mistletoe infection should be addressed using sustainable logging techniques. This logging limits the harmful gases released by controlled burns, and controlled burns that get out of control. This logging puts our resources to use rather than wasting them. This logging puts people to work and strengthens our community and economy. Do not lump mistletoe in as an excuse to close public access.

We respect the people of the forest service and the job they are tasked with, but please remember: the FS was created to serve the people, not the reverse.