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Comments: I have reviewed the proposed road closure plan and wish to state I am in agreement with Alternative B, with the exception of leaving FR939 accessible to motorized travel to access the Fred Pantry Cabin.

I have accessed FR939 for many years and enjoy access to these roads to reach areas for hiking, camping and hunting. The Gun Creek area as well as FR939 allow motorized travel and connect with other forest roads that give me an opportunity to explore the wilderness, see historical places and just enjoy the surroundings. These roads were established before 1976 (per SHEEP BASIN MTN. ARIZ. Map 34111-A2-TF-024, dated 1972). According to the Federal Statute 2477, these roads cannot be closed if they were constructed across public lands for public use before 1976. (Revised Statute 2477, signed July 21, 2017. No. 117-005 (R15-014) Re: Revised Statute 2477 rights-of-way).

Closure of these and many other roads will have a great negative financial impact on local businesses. We have year-round visitors from all over Arizona and other states who wish to enjoy these areas. These areas are documented in several off-road publications, as well as available on-line ("Guide to AZ Backroads& 4Wheel Drive Trails," "Arizona Trails West/South Regions," "Arizona Off-Roading.com" and "JeeptheUSA.com"). These visitors bring an enormous amount of revenue to local business as well as pay fees to camp in the forest while enjoying the off-road trails. (www.tourism.az.go/economic-impact/).