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Comments: Hello,

I live in Elmore County but I recreate all over Idaho in as many of the Forests that I can get to each year. I am still working, but someday plan to retire and hope to be able to continue to access the Forests of our beautiful State. I trust that the employees of the National Forest Service are making the best decisions for those of us that live here.

I enjoy many of the activities that the forests offer including sight-seeing, camping, hiking, fishing, bicycling and motorized use. The Forests need to be available for all users to enjoy whatever activity they wish.

I prefer Alternative X as described in the environment impact study. This option provides increased opportunities for motorized recreation in the semi primitive areas of the Forest. This option is consistent with local preferences. The Forest Service should listen to the voice of the local people. Option Y would be my second choice because it does allow loop access for motorized travel. Motorized recreation is gaining popularity, increased access to Forest land for motorized recreation needs to be understood and accommodated by the Forest Service.

The federal government owns and controls a majority of the land base in the counties where the Forest lies. Local communities depend upon a vibrant motorized recreation experience in the Forest to draw tourism expenditures to the local communities. Annual motorized recreation expenditures in the seven affected counties average \$62,665,104, and those expenditures generate upwards of \$2.3 Billion annually to local GDP.

I appreciate very much the work that the Forest Service workers do. I trust that it is your intent to manage the forest for the long term, and it is my intent for the Forest to be here in the long term for me and my Grand children to enjoy. You must understand that sometimes the decisions that are made in Washington DC are not always the best decisions for Idaho.

Sincerely,

Terral Ristow