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Comments: I am responding as a private citizen who is a recreational user of Forest Service and other public lands. I applaud this particular project as being in line with my belief that these lands should be kept maximally accessible to individual citizens. While I am supportive of the project's goal, improved motorized access, I am concerned about the minimal description given of the four parts of the project. Additionally, there is no info regarding possible alternatives that might achieve the same goals in each case.

My primary interests involve use and preservation of these public lands for individual: exploration; camping; limited hiking; and viewing of wildlife and enjoying wild areas. I moved myself and my work to Arizona 30 some years ago primarily due to this being the state most accommodating (public wild-lands availability and accessibility) to these activities.

Here are my questions and concerns:

- 1. What other routes have been considered?
- 2. Have the private owners of lands being circumnavigated been approached to see if easier, cheaper, less land damaging routes can be achieved?
- 3. Can the private owners be compensated or incented in some way to encourage their cooperation? ie. current lease incentives; compensation for possible future damage caused by public users; other benefits or recognition.
- 4. What is the cost of each portion of the project and how does that impact the alternative chosen in the Proposed Action? (I would not expect a work heavy, detailed description of every little thing, but all of this was certainly discussed and considered, and could be added with some short acknowledgement of the issues.)

In closing, I want to make clear that I consider this project to be a very positive direction for USFS to be pursuing. It is one of the few times I have been positive about USFS actions (closing roads, campgrounds, not maintaining or even allowing outside entities such as clubs to help maintain access)

Thank you for the opportunity to be heard. John Nametz