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Comments: Dear Planning Team:

Thank you so much for giving citizens the opportunity to comment on the proposed plan. Your work on this plan has been incredible and so appreciated! After reviewing all proposals, I favor Plan C with stronger standards and guidelines. There are plenty of roads for all vehicles. I have enjoyed driving in the Coconino National Forest for many hours at a time without seeing other human beings. Since these roads exist in abundance, I do not believe we need more; rather we need more protected wilderness areas.

The Forest Service should re-introduce wolves as a keystone species in order to revitalize the wilderness areas. Wolves prevent overgrazing of these habitats. For example, the aspen groves of the West have been devastated by elk, deer and cattle. Other areas, such as Fish Lake, Utah, have fenced off parts of the Pando Aspen grove to protect young aspen shoots. Re-introduction of wolves makes the fence building unnecessary. All riparian areas would be similarly protected. I realize that the wolf issue is highly charged and it may be difficult to enforce. If there can be no wolves, then the Forest Service should create additional protected wilderness areas for aspen groves and riparian areas in particular.