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Comments: I am an outdoor enthusiast. I live in this area so I can enjoy outdoor activities. My children and grandchildren enjoy snowmobiling and trail riding, as well. I definitely oppose any road closures. In these financially challenging times, our local businesses need the economic boost of tourism. I have been to 12 National Forests in one year, and all, except the Colville Forest, have been extremely positive toward 4-wheelers, snowmobilers, and other activity. The financial repercussions of closing roads in our area will have a devastating effect in an already struggling community.

The Forest Service needs to have another public meeting. The notification for the last meeting was not advertised until after the meeting was completed. I found out just hours before the meeting, so I attended. Though there was an apology for the untimeliness of the notification, there were no efforts to reconnect with the public. Remember that the public owns the forests. The forest Service needs to be willing to listen to the true owners of the forest, and not just entertain input that agrees with their point of view. That shows bias, and creates distrust in the Forest Service's "plans."

Please consider reaching out to the public and listening to different, valid opinions. The forests truly belong to the people, and those people need to be shown the respect due to them by listening to their ideas, and considering at least a compromise!

Thank you!