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Comments: Greetings,

I fully support the forest health part of this plan. The forest is in need of thinning and fire breaks that make a healthier safer forest and communities.

I do not support the closure of 64 miles of road. These closures will impact public access to public land. All forms of recreation will be affected by these closures. Forest roads and their access are extremely important to many types of uses; hunting/ gathering, firewood cutting, exploring by foot, horse or motor. In addition to the roads up for closure are key areas that can be used for parking and dispersed camping. With growing population of recreation users we need room to park and access trails and public land. Closing more roads and parking will increase the load on remaining areas. With camping areas getting busier each year this is not wise and will lead to increased user conflict. Also many people prefer dispersed camping to get away from crowded and expensive campgrounds. These roads and parking areas up for closure are of very high importance to these type of public land users. I would like to look at any and all alternatives to keep from closing more public land in this area. Closure is not management. Thank you.