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Comments: I prefer plan C. Specifically the area south of Belmont Ridge in West Elk Mountains should be reopened to vehicle traffic along Grandview ditch. In addition to closing of good hunting to older people and disabled folks there are hundreds of fallen aspen that could be harvested as fire wood to help manage the forest for fire protection. Previously to closure, the public access was through the Childres Ranch from Crystal creek road. Some older maps even show the forest service road number. The Forest Service first closed this access and then closed the area in West Elk using no public access as a reason. During the past session a few years ago an option with new public access was ignored.