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Comments: Scoping Comment, Forest Plan Amendment, Project: Trail Seasonality Forest Plan Amendment. I am in support of the removal of trail closures for specified dates as current. I am a recreational trail user and an dedicated volunteer for accessible safe sustainable trails. There are times for maintenance or rest and that should be determined with great consideration. I do not feel closing the trails for all recreation activity at the same time is necessary. I also do not feel that any government employee assigned to authority of closure should have sole authority. That could give an employee opportunity to use their position and personal dislike for certain recreations to impede their mediation thought process for a non biased decision. Trail closures were put on the WNF based on ATV scoping and bundled the others, while not treating each recreation with horses or mountain biking with individual decision. For instance 50 degree weather in January which has happened and a horse which needs to be exercised can not access the trail, yet logging can take place on recreational trails and forest land with heavy equipment. The closures also affect the economic impact negatively for recreation and tourism to the community. I am in support of removing the closures dates from the forest plan. Thank you