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Comments: Hi how are you guys doing. I've already kind of captured a little bit of my comments and I will be reviewing the plan I don't represent any organization but I am an individual that lives in the Lincoln we've been here since 1993. I was a division chief and a program manager at white sands missile range, and so I understand technical review processes, I know they're long but, and I will be providing comments, I would just like to mirror I guess the comments that I mentioned before. I'm a bow hunter. I hunt I hike I probably spend more time in the link and then than any three or four people you guys know I'm out there all the time I've been out there today. Like I say if I'm not hunting, I'm scouting if I'm not scouting, I'm just out photographing. And I think the biggest concern I see, and I'll be looking at all the alternatives to see if and how it's addressed is if you're a hunter, especially a bow hunter, you look on a map and you look for places that don't have roads that's least that's how I pre scout an area. And I can tell you that it's very hard to find areas in the Lincoln that don't have roads either stated documented. Roads or illegal ones, and I went to the to the sheriff's Office here in cloudcroft about three weeks ago, because we had a herd, I would say, of side by sides and quad riders, most of them, driven by teenagers. That drive all around the roads up here both paved roads and for service roads, they seem to have no understanding or caring about what's a legitimate road or not and I followed them and saw them go off road in an area that's one of my favorite honey places. And so, if you talk about, I've seen riparian habitat I've seen small streams. If you've been in the Lincoln water is a real rarity up here and I've seen small springs that were just beat to death by quad runners they took great joy and driving right through the middle of a springs and seeps. You can imagine the erosion control problems that creates. I just believe that if that any of the alternatives really need to address that formally because as Laura mentioned before, the staffing is woefully nonexistent to enforce those roads or even closers of those roads. But most the time those same people ignore roads that have been closed and go right around the sign or they break off the little. Forest Service brown sign throw it off in the bushes and go wherever they want anyway, so I see that as a massive problem in managing the forest and I think all the alternatives should address that. I am 100 I like to get out in the outdoors I don't want to close the forest off completely, but there ought to be some management of that. And I'll endorse the wildlife quarters, we see elk and deer killed on the road up here routinely every week, every day, so that those are my comments. Thank you guys. Leroy and Jesse kind of hit on it, this is Brad again I did draw that December hunt and I'm 63 and the last bowl I got. I mean you're right you just basically have to quarter the critter up in the field and make six or eight trips, I made six trips last one I got. And I don't know that I would advocate for as much wilderness as alternative C I believe described, because I think there are groups in the state who would like to have little or no human involvement in those areas and I'm not advocating for that. I would like you know reasonable access and, as I get older, I'll be less and less able to do six trips like I've done for an elk. But that's the way I do it, I don't have horses or mules and so I've done it on my back in the past, but, as I say, you know I may be wanting those roads as I get older but right now, I think the Lincoln is way too cut up you just can't get away from roads and as a result the quad runners in the side by side you can't get away from them, either because they don't, they don't tend to stay on the road they go up and down every Canyon and they go down ridges and I've seen so many unofficial roads out there, that you just you just can't believe it. So I agree with you it's a balance between trying to get the animal out, especially for an elk and then having enough unloaded areas I guess as a as a way to say it, where you can reasonably you know expect to see an animal. But that's getting harder and harder to find the link and like I say they go where they were there are no roads, and so I know the Forest Service can't police it. But I, I see that as the number one issue in the forest it's just on weekends up here it's like grand Central Station and so there's got to be a balance between a wilderness where there are no vehicles allowed and reasonable access for hunters and outdoorsman. That's all I have thanks.