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Comments: My husband and I frequent the areas designated as East Fork/South Fork areas as campers. We also own a Pioneer 1000-5 that we use for transportation. We are Senior Citizens and our UTV allows us unfettered access to areas that otherwise would be unavailable to us. We love the areas in the Payette/Boise/Sawtooth National Forests which we frequent the most. We are very responsible, not going off trails and all the people that we personally know that travel in these areas are also very responsible. I feel it is a travesty to shut these roads down due to the carelessness of a few. I ask this body to give careful consideration to closures, as I have never seen them reopen, also we have lost many roads in the recent past to private land ownership from persons from out of state as well as that of the Federal Government. This is America, we pay abundant taxes to preserve these roads and landscape. These are our lands, it is advertised that way in commercials and propaganda to those less educated as to the wiles of the Government. If these are truly "our lands", let's keep them that way and continue to allow unfettered access to the responsible users of this great land. We have 50 + Years of Responsible Camping/Backpacking/Fishing/Kayaking/Canoeing under our belts as well as 13 years experience ATVing and UTVing in this great State. Plus we have raise up and taught yet another generation of respectful, responsible land users in our five sons who are now passing on that knowledge and respect to their own children. This is how things are supposed to work. Our parents taught us to respect the land and appreciate it. We have continued this great legacy, but can only do so as these great lands remain open to us.

Respectfully,

Terry and Sonja Strong

35 Year Residents of Idaho