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Comments: Regarding the East Fork South Fork Restoration and Access Management Plan:

I've had the pleasure of visiting the Payette National Forest, and the area under consideration, for many years. We drive hundreds of miles to visit, purchase gas and groceries from local stores, visit the local restaurants and taverns, and slip in a night at the local hotels- which gives back to the local economy. Singletrack motorized access allows me to get out into the woods and connect to nature. Myself, as well as the people I ride with are all very responsible, follow Tread Lightly! ethics, and do necessary trail maintenance on our rides.

I support Quartz Creek Trail #67 being designated a system road. I support Wilson Mine/Profile Summit 1 mile addition and the 1 mile in Thunder Mtn. Area to be designated as a system road. I support 2 miles of new motorized trail in Thunder Mtn. Area, but would like to see it be only Class I and III OHV accessible. I support designating Missouri Creek as a ML2 road, with the understanding that USFS won't claim that the road hasn't been kept up and then has to be closed as a later time. I'm also in support of trails #070, #074 and #069 be adding to the TMP/MVUM and designated for Class III OHVs. With recreation increasing, it's important to have more access to trails, not less.

I do not support reducing dispersed camping. Dispersed camping allows for everyone to spread out, have less impact on a handful of areas, and get to connect with nature. If dispersed camping is causing a problem, perhaps educational signage should be posted in the hot spots.

I do not support getting rid of, or "restoring", the 70 miles of mining roads. These roads provide access for motorized users to disperse and explore. These roads should be designated and listed as "unmaintained" or "4x4" or something of the like. I would support these "abandoned" roads, that are not truly abandoned, be added to the TMP/MVUM.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Peter Dahl