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Quartz Creek Road #067 is the only access to private property/claims and as such this road should be designated as open to all vehicles (TOV) to allow the owner complete access. I view any lesser designation as harassment created to influence the owner to forfeit the property. The prescribed bridge replacement is an unreasonable financial and restrictive obstruction to use and development of this property. TOV would allow historic recreational use of the road and increase the miles of ATV/UTV access, which the Forest Plan states should be seriously considered.

Wilson Mine area access has been used for hunting and recreation since the mine was developed prior to 1930. The Idaho Tourism Dept.and Idaho Packers and Guides encourage use of Idaho forests. This area is a premium location for accessing Unit 25 for hunting and provides for ATV/UTV and motorcycle recreation on a road that does not affect any streams with sedimentation or erosion.

I firmly support the proposed designation of TOV access to Horse Heaven.

I support trailhead access to Marble Creek and Lookout Mtn trailheads.

Two miles of new motorized TOV in the Thunder Mtn. area (Fig.#3) will enhance recreational use.

Dispersed camping opportunities should increased along Profile Road, Thunder Mtn. Road above Stibnite to, and including Thunder Mtn. to provide for the rapidly increasing use of the back country by the ATV, UTV, and motorcycle recreationists.

Red Metal Mine gate should be relocated to the edge of the mine property and the entire length of the road should be open, designated as TOV, and dispersed camping locations designated. This road is easily maintained to control the small amount of erosion that happens; there is an excellent location for dispersed (or developed) camping. The gate prevents historic public access to Crater Lake and Fish Lake, neither of which are wholly private property. I have taken visiting foreigners to Crater Lake in the past, but with the gate that makes a day trip impossible. This trip is a vital part of visitor's Yellow Pine area experience.

Sugar Creek Road: I view the obstructions placed to prevent access to dispersed camping areas along the creek as an attempt to force the owners of Cinnabar to forfeit the property and increase the size of the Frank Church Wilderness. This road should remain in place until such time as the environmental impacts at the mine are improved. The "upper road" through Fern Mine is not REASONABLE access for the property owners. The building of a bridge over Sugar Creek would be a part of the Plan of Operation when clean up commences.

Yellow Pine economy is dependent on tourism. At present there are nine business operations benefiting from the increase in recreational use of the forest roads. Valley County recognizes this and cooperates. Unfortunately it appears the Payette Forest supervisors are not supporters of access to forests in this area. Gas, food and lodging are provided in the community and tourists are welcomed. We would like to see the Payette Forest's attitude be more accommodating to the public and open to considering that this area is not like other US forests and local opinions are important.