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Comments: It is really imperative to get roads back open, as quickly as possible, so the public can have recreational access to their forest lands. While it would be nice to do this as safely as possible, we know that 100% safety is just a dream. There is always a inherent risk when accessing the forest by car, by foot, by bike or by a floating device. There are always trees that could come down or potential for a landslide. Those are just some of the risk associated with accessing and using the forest. We are fast approaching two years since the fires and wind damage occurred and only a very small fraction of roads have been open. Think about the devastating fires in Yellowstone in 1988. Those roads, access points and trails were reopen by early the next summer, if not sooner. I'm sure they did not make everything 100% safe and there was risk to the public from mostly downfalls. Waiting two years is unacceptable regardless of pandemic, funding or lack of planning and implementation issues. By now all the forest roads should have been cleared of down trees and the only further mitigation effort is probably on trees that "might" fall on the roads or trails. Those trees can still be dealt with while the public uses our land. One could bet that if logging was still big time activity that these roads would be reopen. Past practice seems to be when logging slows down and there is some road damage, that those areas are just closed to vehicle traffic, thus saving the forest service monies. We can live and have lived with small sections that are closed but to keep the vast majority of the forest closed to all access is unacceptable and inviting legal intervention as well as public civil disobedience. While it would be nice, it is not immediately needed to open campgrounds to overnight stays. However, access points to trailheads, rivers and lakes should be open as soon as possible. Those are public lands that HAVE to be access this summer. Access should be available to trailheads to access Wilderness areas, specifically the Bull of the Woods Wilderness, and such places as Rhododendron Ridge, and lakes such as Round Lake. Waiting until late summer, the fall or next year to open these areas is just not acceptable. If you need a permit to enter these areas, please put it into effect and it can include a signed waiver for releasing the Forest Service from any liability from such things as falling trees, etc. Thank you for your consideration and adding this to the official comments.