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Comments: As a long distance hiker I feel the PNT deserves to have a place in the USFS long term plan. It has national scenic trail status yet does not have the tread to prove it. I enjoy routes and unofficial long trails but that is not what NST designation should be represented by. The two things one does NOT expect to see in a NST is horribly unmaintained trail and long road walks. The PNT has potential to be a gem in the NST system if it were afforded the opportunity for maintenance and new tread routing to pull more of it off the road.