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Comments: I am commenting on this project and am in favor of the overall project except for the re-routing of the main road that now follows along the historic South Fork of the Madison. This road has historic significance and has been a major route over time that came as part of the Union Pacific Railroad that came to West Yellowstone in the early 1900's. To re-route and move this existing road will take away a piece of history that will virtually eliminate the elderly and the handicap from accessing the South Fork of the Madison River. This route is needed to continue to allow people of age, handicap, and veterans the opportunity to access the river and its beauty. I believe this access is an important piece of history that should be preserved for old and new to see how the historic railroad came to Yellowstone back in the early 1900's. The Forest Service has neglected this road for many years, and I feel it has an obligation to preserve and maintain this road for its historical value and allowing continued access to the South Fork of the Madison River for people that cannot readily access it through hiking or biking.

This road along the South Fork of the Madison River has acted for many years as a great recreational area for many different user groups. This road allows for access to adjacent National Forests, it offers opportunities to fish, watch waterfowl, and enjoy the scenery like no other along the South Fork of the Madison. If this road is re-routed as proposed in the South Plateau Treatment project the public will be losing a historic piece of history.