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Comments: As a landowner in the foothills of the Crazy Mountains, I am in favor of this proposal because it is a workable solution to a very complex group of issues. All the groups involved had several options before them to deal with these issues: lawsuits, injunctions, land closures. These options would have galvanized ill will and hard feelings for years to come. This proposal eliminates the need for those options and generates respect and a cooperative spirit on all sides. For that I am most appreciative.

As a landowner in this area, I was concerned the USFS would choose to pursue prescriptive easements or permissive easements through the courts. I believe that path would have resulted in never ending lawsuits and counter suits. This proposal has the potential to avoid all that.

It is my hope that the USFS will utilize this model as a precedent in dealing with these types of access issues in the future.

While I understand it has been a long arduous process to get to this solution, I am very appreciative of the time and energy put forth by the members of the Working Group. They are to be applauded and rewarded with the final adoption of this proposal.