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Comments: I am writing to ask for additional information on the project areas. What size are the parking lots?

Can you provide pictures of similar developments?

In the Chicken Creek area (FSR 38), I recommend that there be no action taken on the Chicken Creek proposal for the following reasons:

1. What is the rationale for a parking lot in this area? It is a limited use area. At the most, I have seen four cars there. The proposal is embedded in a larger plan. The Chicken Creek section needs to be a stand-alone document. Users of this area, from ranchers to cross country skiers, have not heard of this idea.
2. How will the increased traffic affect local landowners and users? What is the FS plan to mitigate trespassers on private land in the area? Who will plow the road to this spot?
3. The proposal does not include alternatives.
4. Information is lacking. How big is the proposed parking lot? How many trees will be cut down? This area is next to a small drainage. How will it be protected?
4. Vault toilets? There is no plan for managing human waste at this spot or at the current Chicken Creek Ski area parking lot.
5. Wildlife: this is an important area for elk, deer, bobcat, mountain lion and other species. Elk and deer are in this area abundantly every season except summer. Why are The Northern goshawks and Lewis Wood peckers the only species mentioned?

In sum, this proposal does not give the user enough information to assess whether this is a good idea to place a parking lot at FS 38. Please consider providing more detailed information concerning alternative locations, better maps, and the wildlife in the area.

A community meeting would be helpful.

Sincerely,

Marjorie Connolly