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Comments: I have attended the open house and reviewed the proposed plans for the project on Jackson Mountain. I am in favor of most aspects, but the gravel pit has some major safety issues regarding access. It just isn't appropriate to add the level and size of trucks to the existing traffic on Jackson Mountain. I assume that the FS has done a full traffic study on both Jackson Mountain Rd. and highway 160. If so they already realize how busy this road is and what kinds of vehicles are traveling on it. The lack of an acceleration lane or a left hand turn lane off highway 160 will make this into a very dangerous intersection. I have had to abort trying a left turn at Jackson Mountain and had to accelerate to avoid being hit more than once. When the logging trucks were hauling it was a pretty big deal and this would be months of daily use during the busiest of seasons. Someone will get killed.

Most of this could be mitigated if the FS would establish a new road that led from the highway across from Weber's place up to the pit without using Jackson Mountain Rd. You could add an acceleration lane southbound and a left turn on the North bound side and you wouldn't mess up Jackson Mountain for everyone and it would make your pit safer. If this was a short term pit you might could get away with the poor access, but you are talking about a long term project. If you must do this then you should do it right.