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Comments: The Fish Creek trail has been in continuous use by motorized vehicles for decades without any observable negative impacts to wildlife populations. There is absolutely no science-based rationale to support claims that continued use of the trail will suddenly begin to chase the elk away.

The reality is that EHE has almost nothing to do with the effectiveness of elk habitat. The primary drivers of elk well-being are food availability, the appropriate availability of cover and the abundance of predators. These factors dominate elk habitat effectiveness by several orders of magnitude over road densities. Since the only parameter used to calculate EHE is road density, it is, for all practical purposes, a meaningless parameter.

I support changing the NPNF to set targets of EHE=5. Better yet, eliminate EHE as a screening parameter altogether.