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Comments: The Huachuca Gould's Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation has the following comments relative to the Holden Canyon Connector Road Project Proposal #64326

Overall, there seems to be a benefit to hunters and game by providing better road access to the area between Tres Bellotas Canyon and California Gulch via National Forest lands. The current access routes to Warsaw Canyon and California cross private lands.

The routes to be de-commissioned appear to be short in length and only lead to the border. They do not show up on the older version of the Travel Management Plan, either. Are they on the current version?

We hope the NEPA analysis should analyze expected traffic volume on the new route and net gain/loss in hunter and other recreation use. Quantifying the effects on game species would be useful, too. The proposal mentions that there will be minimal traffic expected and that speeds will be low. It would be helpful to have speed limit signs erected, to reduce wildlife/vehicle collisions.

Analysis should review impacts to resident or migratory wildlife populations through interaction with AZGFD.

If for any unforeseen circumstance, any designation in the future of the new Holden route to only administrative use should require public comment.

Overall, we are in support of the proposal. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.