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Comments: The USDA Forest Service needs to have a better understanding of how a large portion of the public choose to enjoy recreation and access to the public lands. For many years our Fremont Winema forest has experienced losses of funding for maintaining public roads in the National Forest Roads systems. Motorized recreation is an important activity for many residents in our region. Access for hunting, recreation, hiking, biking, snowmobiling, skiing all require access to public lands. Failure to include all forms of recreation on public lands and how those uses affect the forest and roads is irresponsible.

As a business owner and resident in the National Forest for 25 years I've seen how little the Northwest Forest Plan has actually done to protect spotted owls. Yet we are constantly bombarded with restrictions. While well intentioned the restrictions have done little to benefit anyone in our region. If you have to study and amend the plan it seems like the effects of all use need to be looked at.

Transportation, roads and public access are a huge part of life in Southern Oregon. Please preserve our rights to safely access public lands and provide ADA access to all of our forests.