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Comments: I am a former USFS and BLM Resource Advisory Council member and currently serve as a USFS volunteer. The federal transportation system of roads and trails provides access for important wildfire suppression efforts and natural resource management projects.

In late 2023, the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) released economic data from the Outdoor Recreation Satellite Account for 2022 that shows the largest, most significant economic impact in its history and outdoor recreation's powerful economic impact on the U.S. economy. These new figures reveal that outdoor recreation generates \$1.1 trillion in economic output (2%,2% of GDP), 4.98 million jobs, and 3.2% of U.S. employees.

The states in the planning area showed an economic benefit of \$73.8B in California, \$7.5B in Oregon, and \$20B in Washington. The top three outdoor recreation activities were RVing boating/fishing, and motorcycling/ATVs.

As you can see above, the road and trail systems in our National Forests are critical not just proper management, restoration, and fire mitigation, they are also a huge contributor to local economies. Proper forest management provides for habitat, clean water, clean air, and helps the forest become more climate resilient. Maintaining and expanding said road and trail network is critical to maintaining a healthy forest and providing recreational opportunity for the public.