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Comments: The federal land transportation system of designated roads, trails, and areas - used for recreation and wildfire suppression - has not been identified as an important element to analyze and incorporate into the planning effort. Besides providing high-quality access for motorized recreation enthusiasts, the federal transportation system of roads and trails provides access for important wildfire suppression efforts and natural resource management projects.

In 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 within 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.

The Forest Service needs to include the Transportation System (roads and trails) to be added as a key focus area in the planning process.

Thanks for your time!

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