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Comments: I'm writing in regard to a specific item in Lolo National Forest Land Management Plan Revision #62960. Map GM-04 identifies upper Butler and Lavalley Creeks as being considered for motorized use. I have trail camera footage acquired in the upper Lavalley and Butler Ck area - as do a number of friends and neighbors - of a surprisingly diverse array of wildlife. If you open the gate on Point Six Rd to motorized use you can be assured the wildlife that frequent the area, including most of the major Rocky Mountain predators and their prey, will be driven to seek refuge elsewhere.

In addition, this area is right out the back doors of a couple hundred thousand people, at least some of whom are all too eager to race their buggies through the wild. There will appear a slew of undesignated trails gouged into the hillsides - it's inevitable. That's been the "rotten apple" in the off roader world since long before I can recall. I was that way many years ago.

To be honest, I have a vested interest. My wife and I own some acres beyond the Point Six Rd gate. So it's personal for us. The idea of 4 wheelers, off roaders, road hunters, sight seers, etc. cruising up and down the road and gouging trails into the hillsides frightens us immensely. It's peaceful up there and if you're patient you're likely to encounter something remarkable. But not while straddling a motorcycle or ATV, or while sitting behind the wheel of a machine.

Please remove the motorized use designation for Butler and Lavalley Creeks from the proposal.

Sincerely,

Ted Christian