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RE: Support for Reopening Salmon Creek Road Fs 24 to access the Salmon Creek Gorge for Whitewater Kayaking

Dear Forest Service Official,

I am writing to express my strong support for the reopening of Salmon Creek Road. This closure has significantly impacted my ability to enjoy whitewater kayaking on Salmon Creek.

Salmon Creek Road FS 24 provides vital access to this popular whitewater kayaking destination, the Salmon Creek gorge. The closure has eliminated a valuable resource for myself and many other paddlers in the area. The upstream access point for the Salmon Creek gorge is the bridge over salmon Creek 1 mile upstream of the current closure gate. The takeout is outside of the closure.

In order to access this stretch, the closure gate only needs to be moved 1 mile up road.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Noah Sunflower