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Comments: I would like for you to consider our objection to the closure of FR 134M and FR134S. This objection is being made in coordination with Nathan Leonard who is the Trail Coordinator for the Arizona Alpine Trail Inc. This organization was incorporated June 21, 2021, which unfortunately was after the original comment period established for the Travel Management Plan in the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest. The Arizona Alpine Trail has been working with staff in the Lakeside Ranger District Office and other offices, in designating routes throughout the forest. One of the issues that has been discussed is the need to establish a safe alternative route when the Maverick Trail section becomes flooded and impassable during Spring runoff in the area of the Show Low Creek and Lone Pine Dam Rd. In these meetings, staff in the Lakeside District Office have agreed for the need of this bypass for obvious safety reasons. The allowable use of FR134M and FR134S would address this specific problem. This request is being made under the provisions of item 4 of the Notice of Objection. Thank you for your consideration of this objection.