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Comments: I have spent over 55 years recreating in the Blue Mountains, hunting, jeeping, camping, riding motorcycles and ATVs, and taking day drives. I use the forest from south of Dayton and Pomeroy to Unity, and from Morrow County to Baker City. Motorized access is essential for me-not only for hunting, camping, and gathering firewood, but also for emergency access, reaching county roads, and being able to take older or disabled family members into the forest. At my age, I rely on these roads and trails to reach the places I know and use. I depend on maps, GPS, and onX to follow open routes. If access is limited, narrowed, or restricted to designated routes only, I would not be able to use the forest as I always have. Any changes that make it harder to get in by vehicle would cut off my ability to enjoy these public lands. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) does not provide enough route-level detail for the public to understand how the plan will actually affect real roads, routes, Recreation Opportunity Spectrum (ROS) settings, management areas, and future Travel Management decisions. Without clear and complete maps, baseline route information, and plain explanations, the public cannot see what the plan means on the ground or give meaningful feedback. The final plan must maintain all current public motorized access, as well as existing open-area or cross-country opportunities. The Forest Service must not use plan components to set up future reductions in motorized access. Where access has already been reduced, it must be restored. The plan must prevent any further loss of access so that people like me can continue to use and enjoy the Blue Mountains as we have for generations.