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Comments: I am commenting on the Blue Mountains Forest Plan Revision because access is critical for my family and community. We have owned property in Sumpter since 2007, and spending time outdoors in this area is a family tradition. We hunt, fish the high lakes, snowmobile, gather firewood, hike, and use UTVs on the local roads. These activities depend on having motorized access to the forest. The final plan must protect and maintain all existing motorized access, and it must also restore access where it has already been reduced. Wildlife and habitat management must not be used as reasons to limit motorized access. The Forest Service must fully disclose and analyze how any changes to access or road management will affect families like mine, as well as the broader community. Areas that are already roaded and have a history of motorized use must not be reclassified in a way that takes away long-term public access. make sure the final plan protects existing motorized routes, restores access that has been lost, and fixes any parts of the plan that would negatively affect the ways my family and community use the forest. For almost 20 years, we have built our lives and memories around these lands, and it is essential that this access is not taken away.