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Comments: I am commenting because motorized access in the Blue Mountains is extremely important to me and my family. I have spent my whole life in these forests-places like Jubilee Lake, the trails around Bluetooth ski resort, and Chase Mountain are part of my family history and have shaped who I am. I have been involved in access issues for years, including writing letters and speaking at meetings. I care deeply about being able to reach these areas for hunting, camping, gathering firewood, and for emergency and county road access. Access is decent right now, but I have seen the Forest Service gate off roads and create Kelly humps without public input. That is not acceptable on public land. If access is limited or turned into designated-route-only areas, it puts safety at risk-especially during wildfires. If roads aren't maintained and a fire starts, it will be much harder to control. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) does not provide enough route-level information for the public to really understand how the plan will affect actual roads, routes, Recreation Opportunity Spectrum (ROS) settings, and future Travel Management decisions. People need maps, clear explanations, and a current route baseline to see what the plan means on the ground. Without this, the public cannot give meaningful input. I am also concerned that the plan does not require real corrective action if results are not achieved. There is no clear monitoring and reporting schedule, and it is not clear how the public will see the results or how motorized access will be tracked for each forest. The public deserves to be notified and have a say before any trails are gated or closed. The Forest Service cannot keep reducing access to public lands without being open and honest about it. The final plan must clearly state its goals and show that the public supports the direction. Monitoring must measure what actually happens on the ground, report results publicly for each forest, and require correction if goals are not met. I am Victoria Thompson, 24 years old, and a frequent motorized user. I grew up in the woods and now bring my children here, continuing four generations of recreation in the Blue Mountains. The Forest Service must provide a current route baseline, analyze how each alternative affects usable access, preserve existing motorized access and open-area opportunities where they exist, and adopt a preferred alternative that protects current access. The final plan must protect and maintain all existing public motorized access, restore access where it has already been reduced, and include clear direction so that public access is not narrowed in the future.