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Comments: I support efforts to improve forest health, reduce wildfire risk, and protect wildlife habitat in the Fridley Foothills area. However, I would strongly encourage the Forest Service to consider incorporating permanent public access roads into this project rather than decommissioning all 15.8 miles of proposed temporary roads.

With this level of investment and infrastructure development already planned, it seems like a missed opportunity not to evaluate whether some of these roads could provide long-term public access to our National Forest lands.

As a local resident, hunter, and public land user, I believe improving access should be an important consideration in projects like this. Permanent, strategically located access roads could benefit hunters, anglers, recreationists, and future forest management efforts, while being designed to minimize impacts on wildlife habitat and sensitive areas.

I would like to see the Forest Service evaluate opportunities to retain portions of the proposed road network as permanent, legally accessible public routes where appropriate. Public lands should not only be protected and managed responsibly, but also remain accessible for future generations.