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Comments: Dear Mr. Zurstadt:

For over 30 years I have spent a great amount of time on the South Fork Salmon River hunting and studying ruffed grouse and wish to comment on your "South Fork Salmon River restoration and Access Management Plan". I am 82 years old and have been a very active hiker and motorcycle rider, but have had a knee replacement and don't know how much walking and trail bike riding I can do this fall. Here are my comments:

1. Rehabilitation of 160 miles of damaged roads. I would appreciate classifing as many roads as possible for trail bike use. For we older users of the forest, many of us can no longer walk like we did years ago.
2. Hamilton Bar Road. That trail is so dangerous I have never ridden it.
3. Reduce impacts to riparian areas. It would be great to build a campground at the bottom of the Secesh River. I use the camp spot at Phoebe Creek several times each fall.
4. Loon Creek Bridge. I have never been there but would like to ride my bike there some day.
5. Stabilize the South Fork riverbank upstream from Jakie Creek, Bridge. I have heard that it has been proposed to divert the river through a large wetlands area by Jakie Creek. This would be an ecological disaster due to this wetlands being the only wetlands of this type on the whole South Fork. It is truly a unique biome on the whole river. I also believe its distruction would be a violation the "Wetlands" law. I have studied this wetlands and have found species of wildlife that do not exist elsewhere on the river.
6. Buckhorn Creek Trail. Fixing this would a great idea. A great idea. The more trails we have, the more people are dispersed over a wide area, thus giving us more solitude.
7. Repair of blown-out bridge near the bottom of Buckhorn Creek. I would love this. I used to ride the loop trail before it was blown out.
8. Repair Krassell Knob Trail. Years ago I hiked way up this trail and thought it was to risky on my bike.
9. Convert the Martin Ridge Trail to motorized use. I used to walk up this trail until a big slide stopped m at Gouger Creek. But the creek crossing will need a big bridge. I used waders to get across the creek. I have mixed feelings on making this a motorized trail. If you do, two wheeled only, since the trail across the creek is not suitable for ATVs.

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