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Re: Curtis Canyon Road and Campground Project

Dear BTNF Jackson District personnel:

Thank you for crafting the proposal to improve the Curtis Canyon area roads, expand the existing fee campground, and close and improve other routes. As visitors to the BTNF for more than a half-century, we support the proposals described in your January 31, 2023, Scoping Document.

We appreciate that this portion of the BTNF provides for a multitude of visitor uses including camping, hiking, motorized and mechanized vehicle uses, hunting, horse riding and packing, Wilderness access, scenic enjoyment, solitude, wildlife watching, and others. Unsustainable historic engineering and expanding human uses, e.g., increasing summer/fall dispersed camping and commercial OHV use, have led to deteriorating forest resources and degraded visitor experiences. We hope the new projects alleviate some impacts and, as an example, we applaud the BTNF staff and their partner groups and volunteers for improved management of dispersed camping in this area in recent years.

We remain concerned, however, about apparently increasing commercially rented OHVs using these forest roads and routes. We encourage the BTNF to carefully assess the amount, types, durations, and characteristics of OHV use in this area, and mitigate the impacts of OHVs on other visitors and forest resources.

Thank you again for proposing these projects. We hope they're completed as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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