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Comments: FR 8432, 8432A, 8432C, & NEW 0106
These routes lead up to the Alpine/Nutrioso Fire Tower and need to be closed.
Open only for administrative purposes.

At its beginning, at the 88 junction, the route is next to and crosses a small watercourse as it heads up into a small meadow/wetland. The route climbs up and out of the meadow/wetland on a steep and muddy grade with deep ruts that is unmaintainable. This route creates silt runoff that effects the small watercourse down into Rogers' Reservoir, and the Colter Creek Drainage which is one of the major water sources for the Nutrioso Community. The water needs to be protected for the residents of Nutrioso and the varied T & E species that reside in the watershed. FR 8432, 8432A, & NEW 0106 need to stay closed to insure ORVs don't try to connect with FR 581 by way of wildcat routes and other small routes.

ATV 26
This route needs to be closed. This is a newer route that was not on the first draft of maps.

ATV 26 is a short spur route that starts in a drainage and goes up hill and wanders around down trees. It eventually crosses into a second drainage where the route is extremely rough, off camber as it drops into another isolated drainage which has a spring fed creek running through it. Closing this route will keep traffic out of this second drainage which loops back into a very wet drainage. This route serves no purpose and disturbs the area's large elk population and other wildlife that move through the area into the Nutrioso Valleys. is not maintained and If ATV 26 is left open, it will prompt ORVs to open other wildcat routes through the spring fed creek and increase traffic into these sensitive areas.

FR 81 A
This route needs to be closed. Open only for administrative purposes.

FR 81 A needs to be closed due to the proximity to private lands on the south side of Gobbler Peak. This is a one-way route with numerous wildcat routes diverting off and many more wildcat routes at the end, as the ORVs try to find another way out. The numerous wildcat routes affect the area's large elk population, other wildlife and the private residences adjacent to this area, creating a public nuisance.

FR 8855 Objecting for clarity.

FR 8855 is open as indicated on the newest Alt. 2 map, but a well-used wildcat route(s) head west from FR 8855 that need to be closed and enforced due to its popularity with local residents.
This route starts in a drainage and goes up hill until it starts to wander around down trees which leads to the Williams Valley Non-Motorized Area. The route is a way for ORVs to access the hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking, and cross country ski trails of the Williams Valley Non-Motorized Area. This wildcat route needs to be monitored and kept closed to protect the Williams Valley Non-Motorized Area and the headwaters of the San Francisco River.

FR 88S ATV Objecting for clarity.

This loop route needs to stay closed. Open only for administrative purposes.

This loop around O D Ridge traverses many steep areas that were severely burnt by the Wallow Fire and has

erosion issues particularly in the many wet locations. Due to its proximity to Colter Creek, Red Hole Draw, other unnamed creeks and wetlands, the area around O D Ridge is a major water source for the Nutrioso Community. The water needs to be protected for the residents of Nutrioso and the varied T & E species that reside in the watershed.
O D Ridge is also home to a small permanent herd of mule deer/whitetail deer that reside here along with the large local elk population, other wildlife and the occasional big horn sheep.

FR 8065 & FR 8066 Objecting for clarity.

These two routes need to stay closed. Open only for administrative purposes.

FR 8065 is along Paddy Creek and crosses the creek and continues upstream. This route creates sedimentation issues, effects T & E species, and disturbs fragile Datil soils upstream where there is a unique microenvironment of cliffs and talus slopes. Numerous wildcat routes have been created in the upstream area.
FR 8066 climbs up a steep north facing slope from Paddy Creek. This route was burned severely in the Wallow Fire and is very wet since it holds snow late into the spring. The route is eroded with deep ruts and numerous downed trees. The route crosses a small wet drainage as it climbs uphill.
The sediment and erosion from both these routes end up in Paddy Creek affecting water quality downstream in the Nutrioso Community.