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I am in support of most of this project, as our forests are overgrown, and at risk to fire and disease. The basic tenant of this project needs to be looked at throughout the entire forest system, particularly in the west. Our forests are important in many ways to many people, but in particular to the people that live and work in and around those forests. It is therefore incumbent on the USFS to enter into coordination agreements with all state and local agencies that may be affected by decisions made. Local economies depend, in many cases, on the forests, and must be taken into account.

I do not, however, condone any road closures without proper vetting. This means going through all required steps, from proper notification, to public participation and input. All stakeholders must have an equal say, and comments considered on their merits. These roads and trails, in many cases, have been in use for decades, and have become part of the fabric of the area in which they are located. Hunting, fishing, mining, and general recreation such as OHV and hiking depend on these roads and trails for access.

Most importantly, beyond our recreational usage, as a career firefighter of nearly 40 years, I must remind the Forest Service at every opportunity, 1 closed road can easily mean death to my brothers in arms when battling forest fires and this area is a major concern for fire safety. For the sake of every wildland/forest firefighter that have died fighting such fires, let's be certain the process is followed and that closure remain the last possible option for fire safety. Mapping, we all know is never quick, and closing just one road may not be identified on maps or GPS for years to come, yet FIRE waits for none, and death by fire is most gruesome.

I am aware as I write this, legislation is working its way through Congress that will address the deficiencies of how this process is handled.

Thanks you for consideration of these comments, and I look forward to being involved in the process.

Regards,  
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