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Add your comments here: 1. There is no description of which roads are currently identified as "closed" so the public at large and all concerned citizens are at a disadvantage and cannot comment during the scoping period if we have no idea what we are talking about. Roads identified as "currently closed" should be mapped and displayed for public comment during this scoping period so that an accurate assessment of current roads being used by the public are identified, so as not to cause undue hardship on planners or local residents.

2. The phrase "improve existing road networks" needs to be clearly defined, i.e., does the phrase mean fixing roads to minimize impacts, or does it mean decommissioning roads to meet ESA standards that negatively impact the local residents?

3. No definition is found for each of these "connected actions" of system road construction, road maintenance, or re-closure of roads opened to implement treatments (this refers back to Item 1). Roads stated as "currently closed" need to be presented to the public in scoping to allow them to comment on the current status of the roads.

4. Also, no list of potential best management practices and design criteria are presented in the scoping letter for the public to be able to comment on potential treatments.

5. I support the statement on page 9 of the scoping letter of "maintaining current road densities," but the scoping letter does not adequately delineate what roads are currently identified as closed or open on each forest. Accordingly, an adequate comment to the scoping letter, as presented, is not possible.

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