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Comments:

I never understood this "roadless" philosophy, most of the tourists you hope to get, do not possess the bushcraft skills nor the physical and mental ability to explore these roadless areas. Do you expect your tourists to transport enough horses and gear for them to safely enter into these massive areas of remote wilderness? How many people get enough days off work to haul their asses up to Alaska's remote wilderness and hike a week in and a week out just to look at a river for one night? The roads are what allow the working poor to access the remote wilderness, what you are proposing is the elimination of the poor and middle class from our wilderness areas. A road allows access, it does not demand that you log or mine these areas. One can be done without the other. As far as this belief that doing nothing, is always the best management, I would say that is a very ignorant and lazy way of thinking. Break the forest into 15,000 acre blocks, break that 15,000 acre block into 300 acre sections, break that 300 acre section into nine 33.33 acre tracts and treat as follows: We need to go back to a Multi Phase forest plan. By that I mean the natural transition of a forest from bare ground to a closed canopy forest. It is real easy to do, you just have to make it financially profitable for loggers. You do that by allowing them a clear cut, this makes them money and provides much needed forage for animals. Second, you have those same loggers do a heavy thin on one side of the clear cut and a medium thin on the other side of the clear cut. This allows the loggers a profit, but opens up the forest, mitigating fire hazards and providing open woodland habitat for wildlife. You do a prescribed burn in early fall and replant the clear cut in spring, and you have just met every goal of forest management. If you work on a 50 year rotation, by the time that replanted clear cut needs thinned, both the heavy thin and medium thin parcels are 90-100 years old. If you continue the three phase process and clear cut what was heavily thinned, heavily thin what was medium thinned and medium thin what was the clear cut, when you come back 50 years later, 1/3 of your forest is 150 years old, 1/3 100 years old and 1/3 50 years old. The numbers break down into basic math. A 15,000 acre block treated at 300 acres a year takes exactly 50 years to treat. The 33.33 acre allows 3 clear cuts spaced apart from each other at a total of 100 acres which is 0.66 percent of the total land mass in a 15,000 acre block. Literally as small an area as you can disturb and still meet your forest management goals. I have attached a link to the Missouri Department of Conservation on better habitat. It seems only the Southern States have figured out that this shit is not Rocket Science. <https://mdc.mo.gov/wildlife/attracting-wildlife/better-deer-habitat>