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Comments:

I am in disagreement with any further reduction of our rights to use our forest. As a tax payer I do not condone any management this organization has done. The US Forest Service has severely neglected the duty's and responsibilities that it entrusted. The forest is full of dead fall, disease, and numerous other issues that are far to long to list. By reducing the motor vehicle travel any further the US Forest Service is openly discriminating against the disabled people of the US. As these people have no other way to travel/use the forest. The US Forest Service has proven though out the years it's own incompetence to manage the forest. With the suspension of commercial logging and thinning the forest has become over grown. Study has proven that an over grown forest is un healthy and ecologically unsound, when an over grown forest burns it sterilize the soil which allows natural run off water to erode the topsoil causing the land to become barren ground without the proper nutrients to support any vegetation. The soil is there by washed into our freshwater ways killing numerous fish species and other organisms, destroying the ecosystems of our streams and wetlands. Numerous other studies show that over the snow travel results in little to no impact on the underlying vegetation. Results from testing snow cover that exceeded 3" (in) in depth there were no detrimental affects on grass or vegetation stands there vigor or yield higrade grasses recover naturally from heavy snowmobile traffic and snowmobile traffic caused no stand reductions. A US department of interior environmental impact statement, concluded a major distinction is warranted between snowmobiles and other types of off-road vehicles. Snowmobiles operated on an adequate snow cover have little effects on soil and hence less severe indirect impacts on air and water quality and on soil dependent biotic communities then other ORVs do. It further stated that where snowmobiles are used exclusively over snow on roads and trails the impact on vegetation is indeed virtually nil. (Research studies related to snowmobile impacts at snowmobileinfo.org) In conclusion I do not see the need to reduce motor vehicle travel any further as it is not the problem. Mis management on the part of the US Forest Service is the overlying issue.