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In Regards to the National Forest ROADS Policy:

I support the new roads policy of the Forest Service in that it appears to represent a shift away from the previous policy of building roads in an aggressive fashion, soley to access timber resources, with little regard for the environmental consequences. However, I feel that the new, proposed policy must include the following key points:

1. No new roads should be allowed, with very few exceptions. We already have too many roads in our National Forests and those that exist can serve as a means for the extraction of natural resources and recreation for generations to come..
2. Roads and off-road vehicle trails should be removed or closed in ecologically sensitive areas.
3. All road-related decisions must put ecosystem needs first, and commodity outputs seconds.

We need an ecologically sustainable National Forest road system! Thank you for taking the time to consider my thoughts on this matter.

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