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Two, going on three generations of my family have enjoyed accessing the amazing and unique features of the Lewis & Clark and Custer Natl forests for over 50 years. Over these years we have only been able to access the majority of the most exciting and beautiful experiences while traveling on atvs or utvs. We have celebrated weddings, birthdays, anniversary's and deaths in the midst of the most remotely accessible areas of these forests only through the legal and appropriate use of our motorized vehicles. Over the past number of years, the plans and actions of the United States Forest Service specifically negatively impacting the access and enjoyment of OUR national forests by the means WE choose, including motorized vehicles is as plain as the nose on your face. It does NOT reflect the majority of those who invest their hard earned dollars, time and energy to travel to enjoy and respect the forests we love while using our motorized vehicles. We have aggressively pursued any and all violators of USFS and other rules and laws. As a former peace officer, and by my very nature, I take seriously (as do all of the many, many other Montanan families we associate with) the responsibility I have to others in ensuring the areas traveled via our motorized vehicles is done in a safe and thoughtful manner. PLEASE PLEASE RECONSIDER THE REDUCTION OF MOTORIZED VEHICLE (ATV AND UTV) IN THESE AREAS. The only way me and my family can access many of our most loved areas by foot is to travel the majority of the distance on existing approved motorized vehicle access. If you as an entity or group of like minded government workers continue to take swipe after swipe at the way of life that generations have invested in and yielded years of fellowship and family time, you will be doing countless Montanans and those who travel here to share the current motorized access a huge disservice. Furthermore as a former business owner in the area, the various clubs and groups and families that travel through the small communities which surround the Lewis & Clark and Custer Nat'l forests have a substantial positive financial impact to the rural communities and towns they pass through. Again, these well intended, but incredibly short sighted plans take far less into account than they should. A small group of well intended biologists or other scientists and their like minded supporters should not be able to hold the quality of life of myself and others hostage. Everyone has a job to do, and clearly the writers of these plan documents are pursuing the agenda they feel they must. I firmly disagree with the plan for further restrictions or elimination of motorized vehicle, specifically ATV and UTV access.