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Comments:

I have been a Pryor Mountains recreational user since shortly after moving to Montana in June 2004. It has been a place of escape, beauty, solitude, and camaraderie with my family and fellow 4x4 club members.

While I understand there are always bad elements within each recreational group, I value the ethics and responsibility of those I choose to wheel with, and we do a solid job of policing our own so that we can continue to recreate on this land for years to come. The trail system is not challenging to our group, but we still enjoy driving our built vehicles up to enjoy the snow, explore the caves or view the wild horses. My first family Christmas tree as an adult was cut in the forest on top of the range, and I look forward to each year that I am able to do so. Reduction of even this opportunity limits the opportunities for my family to carry on this tradition that has been going on for as long as I've lived here. I do not want to lose the ability to travel slow across these mountains, enjoying the sites and enjoying a mountain chili cook with my family and fellow club members.

It is for this reason that I believe Alternative B is the ideal option out of the bunch, especially given that this process lacks a No Action alternative.

This isn't just about the destination, but the journey and fun had along the way. Closing even more trails threatens that and the memories that are able to be created for myself and my family. We've lost enough of the trail system throughout the Custer-Gallatin NF, that the justification would have to be extremely strong to take even more when coexistence is not a foreign concept.