

Appendix Z

Consideration of Comments on the Proposed Action Pursuant to 36 CFR 215.6(b)

Project Name: Commander Tract Motorized Access

Publication Date of Notice of Opportunity to Comment: 7 July 2008

Ending Date of Comment Period: 6 August 2008

Table 1 - Summary of Commenter Statistics	
Number of Individuals	2
Number of Organizations	0
Number of Government Entities	0
Total Number of Commenters	2

Table 2 - Commenters			
Name	Representing	Non-Substantive Comment Numbers¹	Substantive Comment Numbers²
Hendry, Mike	Self		1
Beck, Damon	Self		1

Comment Analysis

The comments received during the comment period were assessed to determine which were substantive and which were not. Comments must be substantive to be considered by the Responsible Official [36 CFR 215.6(b)].

The responses in Table 3 below are either a) only expressions of interest that do not make a comment, or b) comments that do not meet one or more of the criteria for substantive comments as defined in 36 CFR 215.2:

- The comment is within the scope of the proposed action.

¹ Comment numbers correspond to those in Table 4.

² Comment numbers correspond to those in Table 5.

- The comment is specific to the proposed action.
- The comment has a direct relationship to the proposed action.
- The comment includes supporting reasons for the Responsible Official to consider.

Table 3 – Non-Substantive Comments & Expressions of Interest	
#	Response Determination and reasons
	No non-substantive comments were submitted.

The comments listed in Table 4 below satisfy the definition of a substantive comment. For each comment an explanation is given of how the comment was considered.

Table 4 - Substantive Comments	
#	Comment How the comment was considered.
1	<p>I just don't want to see any thing close in our national forests they are the only place to go hunting, fishing, motorcycle riding, horse back riding you name it without someone telling us we are on private property get out! So yes I am opposed to the decommission of said user routes and closed roads.</p> <p>The comment expresses opposition to the elements of the action alternatives (1 & 3) that would decommission certain NFS roads that are currently closed to the public, and certain user created motorized routes. I explain in the Decision Notice the regulatory, resource protection and fiscal basis for placing some limitations on motor vehicle access to national forest lands.</p>

Administrative Review Opportunities

I have determined that at least one non-federal individual or group commented or expressed an interest in this proposal during the comment period. Therefore my decision on this proposed action will be subject to appeal [in accordance with the 24 April 2006 order of the United States District Court in Montana in the case of Wilderness Society vs Rey]. The following individuals or organizations expressed interest during the comment period, and therefore have standing to appeal my decision [36 CFR 215.11(a) - 2002 version]:

- Beck, Damon
- Hendry, Mike

s/Eduardo Olmedo

10/1/08

EDUARDO OLMEDO
District Ranger

Date