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RE: Gap Creek Resource Project

Greetings from the Traildog Nation

As a volunteer, I have had the privilege, along with Jerry Shields, to have been involved with the LOViT from the concept development and coalition building phase, through the trail construction phase and now into the trail maintenance phase. I have earned credibility as a LOViT Traildog/stakeholder.

During the LOViT Project, the Traildogs have developed a strong rapport and trust with USFS staff in every echelon. The partnership between the USFS and the Traildogs has been beneficial for both organizations, our community, the state and the region.

As the Gap Creek Project moves forward, please consider these requests:

1. Maintain an appropriate canopy protection zone on either side of the trail.
2. Restrict skidding and road building across the trail to a bare minimum.
3. Restore all trail/skidding junctions to their natural appearing condition.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Gap Creek Project. The aesthetic and natural integrity of the LOViT is in your hands. Please treat it with respect.

Sincerely

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