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Introduced by
Representatives Konopnicki: Brown

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

**EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO THE FOREST SERVICE ROAD MANAGEMENT PLAN AND SUPPORT
OF FOREST ACCESS AND MULTIPLE LAND USE.**

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1 Whereas, freedom of movement is basic to liberty and the pursuit of
2 happiness; and

3 Whereas, access to our national forest lands is vital for multiple uses
4 such as recreation, sightseeing, camping, hiking, hunting and fishing, and
5 for natural resource development, such as logging, mining, grazing, utilities
6 and outfitting; and

7 Whereas, excessive regulations proposed by Forest Service bureaucrats
8 in the Public Motorized Travel Management Plan would close up to eighty per
9 cent of existing forest roads and indicate where people can camp, gather
10 firewood, retrieve game and use four-wheel vehicles; and

11 Whereas, these new proposed rules will impact our rural economies that
12 depend on recreation dollars; and

13 Whereas, these new proposed rules would further the decline of the
14 health of our forests, which are in desperate need of thinning for habitat,
15 watershed and fire protection.

16 Therefore

17 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the
18 Senate concurring:

19 1. That the Members of the Legislature express their opposition to the
20 closure of any further roads to Arizona's forest lands or the infringement on
21 the freedom of Arizona's citizens to enjoy the outdoors with their families.

22 2. That the Members of the Legislature express their support of a true
23 multiple use philosophy as set forth in the 1960 Multiple Use-Sustained Yield
24 Act to restore forest health, to revive our national resource industries and
25 to bring new vitality to our rural economies.