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Abstract: The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) documents the analysis of six alternatives (A, B, Modified B, C, D, and E) to allow public wheeled motor vehicle travel on the Eldorado National Forest. Alternative A proposes no action. Alternative B allows public wheeled motor vehicle travel on 1,847 miles of routes and prohibits cross-country travel. The emphasis of this alternative is to provide a high level of motorized recreation opportunities and access across the Forest. Modified B allows public wheeled motor vehicle travel on 1,847 miles of routes and prohibits cross-country travel. Although the total mileage is the same as Alternative B, the actual roads and trails differ in places. This Alternative was developed in response to public comments received on the DEIS and provides a high level of motorized recreation opportunities and access across the Forest with a high level of diversity of vehicle classes, while still complying with ENF LRMP standards and guidelines. Alternative C allows public wheeled motor vehicle travel on 1,730 miles of routes and prohibits cross-country travel. The emphasis of this alternative is to provide a high level of motorized recreation opportunities and address resource concerns. Alternative D allows public wheeled motor vehicle travel on 1,548 miles of routes and prohibits cross-country travel. The emphasis of this alternative is to provide a balance between providing recreational opportunities and reducing effects to resources. Alternative E allows public motor vehicle travel on 1,330 miles of routes and prohibits cross-country travel. The emphasis of this alternative is to provide greater protection of forest resources and increase opportunities for non-motorized recreational activities.

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