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Testimony of H. Ed Melcher

I would like to thank the committee chairman and committee for the opportunity to testify on HJ 18!

This is all about letting Washington know that access to our public lands IS **very important** to the way of life for **Montana Families**!

If the government land managers close roads this will severely restrict the ability for the disable, families with children, elderly!

My grandmothers name was ANN HANNA I would not been able to take her out to creek fishing for the last time if the forest service would close this road! GRANDMOTHER and GRANDPA RAY brought me here over 35 years ago to teach me about OUTDOOR RECREATION!

YOU WILL BE VOTING TODAY TO SEND A CLEAR MESSAGE TO WASHINGTON THAT ACCESS IS A **HERITAGE** AND **AWAY OF LIFE** FOR **MONTANA FAMILIES!**

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR MONTANA FAMILIES!

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

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