You, the recreationist, need to make your opinions known to the planning team about routes (roads and trails) that need to be included in record for developing the alternatives to the Proposed Action. This is the first step in a NEPA process. This is the time for the public to submit their comments. These comments will be used to develop the alternatives. One of the alternatives will be the final preferred action.

The following are the steps necessary for making your pro-access voice heard.

1. Obtain copy of the proposed action.

Determine deadline for public comment.

2. Obtain copies of maps and documents that describe the proposed action.

a. Consider which map quadrants you want to analyze and comment on. Generally, this will be an area you are most familiar with: your favorite recreation area. You have the type of local knowledge necessary to provide good comments.
b. You may have two types of maps: proposed action maps and inventory maps. Each route on the maps should be identified with a number indicating route status.

3. Print out the map quadrants you want to analyze and compare them to your personal maps of the area.

a. Identify which routes (roads and trails) are not on the Proposed Action Maps.
b. Identify routes (roads and trails) on the maps that are important for your recreation.
c. For these routes, note the approximate location on the map.
d. Compare this information with personal maps and other reference sources.
e. Determine why you believe the route is important for recreation.

4. Use the agency provided Route Designation Input Form. (Note: This form is provided as a guide and includes important address information. If more space is necessary, attach additional sheets.)

a. Fill out all applicable fields; be as accurate as possible.
b. Provide a picture of a vehicle on the route.
c. Provide a picture of any mechanical improvements to the route (i.e. dozer cuts, berms, culverts, signs, railings, etc)

5. Ideas to use about why the route should be included in the overall designated route network.

a. Route creates a loop opportunity, technical challenge, unique qualities (describe what)
b. Camping/hunting/fishing access, scenic area/vista point, rock hound site (useful for road spurs)
c. Historical significance or use (stagecoach, railroad, mining route etc.)
d. Has this route received Green Sticker funds in the past?
e. Is this an Adopt-a-trail?
f. Route has minimal damage (erosion, ruts, etc.)
g. Sustainable route, minimal maintenance require
h. Offer assistance via route maintenance volunteerism and/or resource donation
i. Does the route have a Forest Service route number already existing and posted? (Include picture)
j. Reduction in routes will increase impacts elsewhere
k. Whatever else you can think of!

6. Final Step

a. Make two copies of your route suggestions and mail them to:

Attn: Travel Management address listed in the proposed notice of action
Retain a copy for your records.

The copy you retain for your records will need to be reviewed once the alternatives (and preferred alternative) is released for public comment in the form of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement.