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I'd just like to say..... I love our forest and everything that lives there, with the exception of the pine bark beetle. In Region 5, there's a creek, Little Rock Creek, that has been closed for FIFTEEN years. I use to take my kids there. It is the most beautiful area in Southern California. I love going there. I love to hike, fish and to just relax there. Little Rock Creek closed because of an endangered species, the Arrow Toad. Is the policy of the United States Government, to close an area indefinitely, if there is an endangered species that lives there? After fifteen years, I would think a plan would have come about, where Little Rock Creek could be shared by toads and humans. Is it impossible to for the toads and humans to live together? Is it possible that maybe the area could be closed just during mating season. Maybe close the area to vehicles and allow hikers and maybe bicycles only? It broke my heart when that area was closed. And now I'm 65 years old, and an wondering if I will ever be able to go back there?

I would like to know what the future for Little Rock Creeks is. If the endangered toad does not fair well, will Little Rock Creek always remain closed? Does the Toads well being out weigh the public's desire to visit that part of our forest. Is our government obligated to keep the public informed as to the status of endangered species closed areas.

I appreciate this opportunity, thank you very much.
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