

Attention: Amy Dillon

The 1964 Wilderness Act did not include timbered, high fire frequency areas. The Kettle Crest is one of these areas. Therefore, I do not want to have a Wilderness area in the Kettle Crest Area. If this area is designated Wilderness it will all burn much like the 2015 Stickpin Fire. All contiguous areas outside the wilderness will burn with tremendous economic losses.

In addition, I do not agree with any stubble height recommendation, standard guidelines or any other wording in the revised Colville Forest Plan regarding stubble height. My reason for this are many. For one, the guidelines are not imposed on any other function of the Forest Plan; why single out the range program? There is no scientific evidence in the Journal of Range Management or any credible source that supports this. Some riparian vegetation never gets 6 inches high (white Dutch clover). For these reasons if any of the stubble height recommendations get approved in the revised Colville Forest Plan, I will appeal the decision.

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