

September 7, 2019

Dear Michelle Norton,

We are writing to provide our comments regarding the Buckskin Saddle Project. We have been property owners at Kilroy Bay for 19 years and utilize our cabin and the project area year round.

Throughout the time we have been at Kilroy Bay we have worked with our community members and those at Pine Cove to help reduce the fire risk in our area. We have collectively trimmed the brush along road 2711 and individual property owners have trimmed brush around their cabins and on over 150 acres of open space. Two years ago we decided to expand our resources and training and formed a volunteer fire department. We recognize we are likely going to be the first responders to a fire in our area as the remoteness and primitive roads available for travel have limitations that will limit any other fire response. Our goal is to work together with DNR and USF to protect the forest around us but cannot do this without yours and others support.

We are avid ATV riders of the project area and do see that there is a difference between those riders who respect the area and regulations, and those that do not. This area provides a great location for riding ORV's so we hope that as this project moves forward there is consideration taken to respectful riders. We struggle with a number of riders on road 2711 using a reclaimed area by Avista, moving boulders and ignoring signs for private property which is concerning to us. However, we would ask that as you develop your plan that you do not paint all ORV riders with the same brush and eliminate our riding area.

As a deer and elk hunter in the area we support the seasonal road restrictions and the limitation of motorized vehicle access in the hunting area. However, we do not want to see the hunting area limited or become more restricted as part of your project so would appreciate your consideration of this.

Although opening more roadways offers more access to the area there are many things to consider when developing such plans so that the treasure of the area is not compromised and the outcome can be sustained and supported by the private property owners, the recreational users and the various agencies. Thank you for considering our input and please feel free to reach out in the future.

Regards,
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