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Comments: 48 years in the valley, experiencing the beauty of the outdoors on so many levels, seeing major increases and abuses of public lands. Being part of HCCA's efforts to protect the wildlands and waters that matter.

Wilderness- I believe we need more wilderness. With all the assaults on the integrity of our public lands, they need all the protection they can get. Precious little wilderness is left in the lower 48, and we should be protecting every bit we can.

Wildlife- with so many species at risk, listed or not, the best protection for wildlife is wilderness. Roads fragment habitat, cause erosion. Logging removes habitat, with the potential for regrowth becoming less likely all the time due to climate change.

Climate change- Uses that exacerbate climate change should be critically examined and made to mitigate all impacts before being allowed to proceed. Not all extractive industries need to be permitted in all areas, if at all.

Watershed health- More wild and scenic designations, please. Water is our most important resource! Slate river is important to protect, but so are many others.

Overall plan direction- I would like to see more focus on protection of our public lands, waters, and wildlife. Regulations and enforcement can go a long way toward managing recreation, better than suggestions- Our lives and livelihoods depend on healthy forests!