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Comments: Missoula Parks & Recreation is pleased to be able to provide comment on the draft Proposed Action for the ongoing Lolo Forest Plan Revision. We applaud all of the effort that Lolo NF staff have contributed to the draft proposed action and looking forward to continuing to work with USFS staff as neighboring land managers and partners for future implementation. Please see attached spreadsheet of comments related to the draft document, with references to the specific section in which the comments are directed. Thank you for the opportunity to comment and please reach out with any questions or clarification.

2. Sustainable Recreation Opportunities: Recognize City of Missoula as partner (Section 3.2.8. REC Goals, item 2. - p120). The City of Missoula is an active partner in land management in the GM GA, including key lands and trails that border USFS lands. Consider the inclusion of City of Missoula among list of collaborative recreation and natural resource management partners listed.

5. Interface and Lands near Communities: Prioritize cross-boundary recreational opportunities and coordination (Section 3.2.8. REC Goals - p120). Consider the creation of a new REC goal that highlights trails management and connections between local trails and conservation lands (e.g. City of Missoula Open Space, or other adjacent neighboring managers) and USFS properties and trail networks.

5. Interface and Lands near Communities: Marshall Mountain Park Recreation Area (Section 3.2.4 REC - Table 33 - p119). Coordinate with Missoula County on the newly established Marshall Mountain Park. Consider how the adjacent existing Ski Area and new Concentrated Public Use management areas can contribute to the implementation of that project as per the recently adopted site Master Plan.

5. Interface and Lands near Communities: Identify new Concentrated Recreation Use Areas (Section 4.5 MA 5: Concentrated Public Use - Table 72 - p160). Identify newly designated concentrated use areas including area surrounding Marshall Mountain Park (Missoula County) as Concentrated Recreation Area in Table 72. Provide guidance as it relates to planned development of recreational opportunities in these areas.

2. Sustainable Recreation Opportunities: Recreation Special Uses Section clarification (Section 2.2.2 - Recreation Special Uses (RSUP) - p65). Provide more clarity on anticipated RSUP levels, especially for non-profit and public youth camps, such as City of Missoula recreational programming. Increased permit availability for this category of permit would help with community-based childcare and responsible recreation educational programming.

2. Sustainable Recreation Opportunities: Recognize large, coordinated trail efforts (Section 3.2.8. REC Goals - p120). The planned Great American Rail Trail passes through the Lolo NF along the old Milwaukee and Hiawatha railroad lines. Include USFS support for establishment of the Great American Rail Trail on Lolo NF lands.

8. Ongoing Work with the Public: Rattlesnake Wilderness Dams (Section 3.2.9 - Rattlesnake National Rec Area (NRA). GM-NRA-DC item #5). City of Missoula agrees that - at a minimum - a desired condition for the Rattlesnake Wilderness Dams should be that they are operational and safe. Since 2017, USFS and City of Missoula (and other project partners) have been developing long term management plans for the Rattlesnake Wilderness Dams - including management options for maintenance or removal of these dams. Is it worth including a discussion of long-term, collaborative management planning with City of Missoula?