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Great Burn FS Folks

Please consider these comments for future decisions.

ATV riding is a growing sport.

Most of the members in Western Montana Trail Riders Association can't hike ten miles, thus we enjoy the great outdoors on ATVs.

How many miles of ATV trails does Lolo Nat Forest have? Three per my research.

FS roads (if open) make for great riding. Don't need many ATV only trails.

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Please allow some ATV loop routes of 50 miles in the Fish Creek, HooDoo, Great burn areas.

respectfully

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So let show'em some votes for motorized ATVs! Attend or write.

I would do some short hikes in the Rattlesnake if I could ride my ATV to the upper end of Rattlesnake.

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From Fish Creek to Hoodoo Pass, the magnificent Great Burn has been recommended for Wilderness designation by the Forest Service for more than four decades. That legacy could be undone with the release of the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest's proposed Forest Plan revision, which threatens to put motorized vehicles in one of our wildest places.

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A hiker appreciates the vistas in the Great Burn.
Photo courtesy of Beverly Dupree.

The future of the Great Burn is at stake. Join us to let the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest know that you support a wild Great Burn:

Date: Monday August 4th, 6-8pm
Place: Lolo Middle School, 11395 US Hwy 93

Join friends for food and drink before the meeting
4-6pm at the brand new Lolo Peak Brewery, 6201 Brewery Way, Lolo

Can't be there? You can still make a difference!

Email your comments to fpr_npclw@fs.fed.us or mail them to:

Forest Plan Revision
Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests
903 3rd Street
Kamiah, ID 83536

Share your favorite story about the Great Burn and please put the following comments into your own words:

* Maintain the 40 year legacy of Recommended Wilderness in the Great Burn by selecting Proposed Action Option A for the Hoodoo (Great Burn) Roadless Area and adding the Bighorn-Weitas Roadless Area to Recommended Wilderness status.

* Only Option A for the Hoodoo Roadless Area guarantees traditional quiet recreation opportunities, critical winter habitat for sensitive species like mountain goats and wolverines, and connectivity for grizzly bears and other species between the Great Burn and the Cabinet-Yaak and Crown of the Continent ecosystems.

* Eliminate Option B which creates a motorized recreation management nightmare for the Nez Perce-Clearwater and Lolo National Forests by carving unenforceable boundaries in Recommended Wilderness.

Thanks for Keeping It Wild!

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