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I am sorry to be among the last to comment, but do not assume that lack of interest and concern is the reason, I hope my comment will still carry weight. My husband and I live surrounded by national forest and spend much of our time studying and surveying the wonders of the environment surrounding us.

It is my hope that those of you making the decisions about our forest are able to find a way to support less rather than more human impact on the natural processes occurring in the forest. Please maintain trails and roads so there are recreational and environmental study opportunities, but limit ORV access to established lower elevation roads. We are fortunate to live in a relatively unspoiled area and there is still much we don't know or understand about our natural world, let's be aware of that, so our plan preserves rather than consumes when ever possible. Global warming and increased population in rural areas, do present management challenges for the forests, but please allow the scientists rather than commercial or political interests to address those challenges.

Thank you, Katie Parker 23671 HWY 31 Metaline Falls, WA 99153