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Comments: There is an excerpt in the proposal that states, "The addition of accessible fishing piers at Holly Creek Day Use Area is also proposed. This would entail clearing areas for expansion and appropriate grade using mechanical equipment. Please refer to Map 23, Map 24, and Map 25 for the location of these recreational sites and trails."

This seems entirely unnecessary and outside of the main stated goals of the project. Holly Creek is frequented by more than just fishermen, and when I've been there the majority of fishermen I've seen have been wading. That section of creek is also enjoyed by hikers, photographers, waders/swimming in the summer, and whitewater kayakers when the water level is right. Holly Creek at the Day Use Area and above is a well-loved natural area with little development.

One of the expected outcomes stated was that use of the area would eventually increase. It is already very popular; my friends and I have gone a few times to pick up trash there. More visitors would mean more trash. There are places less popular that could be altered/developed to encourage people to visit. The last time I was there, the parking lot was full and cars were parked all along the side of the road. Included in the proposal was increasing the size of the parking lot, which would help, but hopefully not at the expense of the creek itself.

Adding piers would really detract from the natural beauty of the area and with all the literature in the project about reducing the amount of backlog of maintenance, even so far as getting rid of trails, camping, and pit toilets to reduce cost (even though human waste was cited by the District Recreation Program Manager as a major motivation for a lot of the recreation related project items) why would they add something frivolous like this? It seems like more of someone's personal pet project.

If the Forest Service insists on spending time/money on this, please keep it downstream of the rapids/pools (water level dependent). Getting stuck with a lost fishing hook or tangled in fishing line sucks. This is one of my favorite local runs when there's rain and a beautiful place to go when there isn't.

The picture of Holly is mostly gratuitous.

Thanks for taking the time to read my comment. I'm planning on submitting a couple by topic, or else they'll get too cumbersome.