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Re: Colville National Forest, Revised Land Management Plan

Objections:

Since I last submitted comments in July of 2016, there have been changes to the Lynx Habitat areas in the Kettle Crest region of the Colville National Forest. US Fish & Wildlife no longer lists this area as lynx habitat. Therefore, in the Wildlife Habitat sections, on page 63, of the Land Management Plan, starting with FW-STD-WL-02 through WL-12, these statements should be revised or eliminated to reflect the USFW stance. The footnote on Page 66 should be revised as well, to reflect the most current USFW stance.

Re: Objective at FW-OBJ-AS-01. Designated Routes for Off-Highway Vehicle Use.

To clarify, if I understand the purpose of objectives, is that this objective does not limit having a higher average number of designations of new routes, connectors, etc., over the course of the expected 15 year life of the plan. In other words, to have more than 1 route per year average is not a limitation.

Please include my name as an interested party to be placed on the list for future reconciliation meetings that may be held in the future.

Thank you,

  
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