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Comments: Dear Representatives of the Forest Service:

My concern, as is the concern of many in Stevens County, is that our U.S. Constitution and the Constitution of the State of WA does not lawfully allow federal control and regulation of land within the borders of Washington except in agreement with Article I, Section 8, Clause 17 of the U.S. Constitution.

National forests are not part of that Constitutionally defined area.

According to the law of the land, the federal government is not to have any control over land except for our national capital, forts/arsenals, ports, and necessary buildings, and that jurisdiction is granted only by permission from the hosting state.

We are no longer a territory (Article 4) wherein our federal government holds land in trust for the state. Washington entered the union a long time ago and on equal footing with the original states wherein all the land within our borders were to become part of our sovereign state.

We, as a state, are also very capable of preserving the lands, natural resources, and antiquities within our borders, and are inherently, I would suggest, motivated to do so.

Therefore, we appeal to our federal government, the Forest Service in particular, to comply with our national and state Constitutions and acknowledge they have no lawful authority to regulate land within the state of Washington. That authority is given to the states and the people therein.

Any Forest Plan ought rightfully to be generated from the state over the land within its borders.

There is much that needs to be restored in this country. Restoring the integrity of our Constitutional laws would be a laudable starting point.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Kelly Tacoma