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I was born in the Metaline Falls Hospital 57 years ago and have lived my whole life here.

+ I love Mill Pond and all the history of the area.

I do not see any travesties for removal of other areas like Mill Pond but I want to state that I do not want to see this happen to any other area especially in the revisions of this plan.

+ My best childhood memory is from camping for two weeks at Sullivan Lake with my mom, grand parents and sisters every summer.

Neighbors, friends from work, schoolmates and their families would come along.

We swam, went boating, hiked and would take day trips to go Huckle berry picking and further hikes.

It was alot of tent camping, pup-tents, and roughing it in an old fashioned campers.

Now it looks like a brush heap at Sullivan Lake.

You can't go for a walk after dark for fear of killing your self.

The 10 pm curfew makes it hard to go away from camp to star gaze.

They close the gate.

Wind blown, dead falls everywhere.

Hazards, for fire everywhere.

Beaches are full of noxious weed.

Nap weed everywhere.

I should not have to fight for parking on county right of way. Or pay to park on county land at the north end bridge.

I hate all the signs. Way to much signage. It has a devastating effect on the view.

Camp grounds should remain open longer.

There are many times in the year they can be used by hunters, locals and fisherman. Keep them open for use for later in the fall and even some for year round use.

Gates should never be closed while occupied by campers. For emergency or fire evacuations leave them open all the time.

I love driving to Selmo mountain to see the full moon.

I don't like being stopped and harassed by forest service on the way there.

I don't like being grilled by forest service while going huckleberry picking with my grand daughters.

I don't think I should have to have a gathering permit to pick a bucket of Huckle Berries for personal use.

### Crescent Lake

It should be opened up to wood cutters to clean up the dead fall and widow makers.  
The camp ground should be opened back up.  
The boat launch should be usable.  
Maybe maintaining by Seattle City Light is an option.

### Wilderness.

We have too much wilderness here. Locked behind gates. Unaccessible to the majority of people.  
Not enough people use the wilderness and come here to benefit our economy.  
I am not for clear cutting it but for proper forest management and letting people in. Open it up and let people access it.  
We have more wilderness on the west side of the United States than anywhere else in the country. Pend Oreille County has too much wilderness now. More wilderness than anywhere else.

### Roads

The open roads we can access.  
They are not maintained well.  
The budget for them seems to be going elsewhere.

The closed Kelly humped, trashed heaped and gated roads.  
Make me angry that I can not access them and use them. I keep seeing more and more of them closing with out notice.  
The litter in the forest is disgusting but the forest service does not allow volunteers access legally to clean up problem areas. Yet they don't clean it up either.

Roads should be able to be used at our own risk.  
Left accessible after logging or fires.  
Gates should be removed.

I do not believe the Forest service manages the forest well at all.  
They are risking our lives and livelihoods, our communities and our school by not maintaining the forest properly.  
Fire dangers is extreme because of mismanagement.  
The forest destroyed in fires should be quickly harvested and used, to avoid bringing more disease into the forest even if it is wilderness.  
Our schools do not have the funds needed from the timber harvest tax.  
We have so much national forest in Pend Oreille County and have such a small tax base to run our critical services.

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