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I moved here in 1974.

I love they way they forest service has maintained the high country trails.

I love they way they are trying to restore the copper creek mining claim.

I have even thought of volunteering to help.

But then I go to visit Mill Pond and get angry.

+ 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 say that I do not want to see this happen to any other area especially in the revisions of this plan.

In my teen years I liked to camp and fish at crescent, Sullivan and mill pond. Dreaming of catching one of those German Browns always sounded good to me.

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 don't like all the signs. Way to many signs It ruins the view.

Camp grounds should remain open longer in the year.

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

Gates should never be closed while occupied by campers. Leave them open for emergency or fire evacuations.

Endangered species

Woodland Caribou has been a wasted project because they are alive and well up in Creston BC.

They migrate down here every year and we have continued to waste money trying to transplant non native Caribou in here.

In my opinion they are not endangered in this country because they don't live here.

Stop wasting money on reintroduction of the Caribou.

We have had wolves in here since 1974.

We did not need to transplant them here from northern Canada.

They are bringing annihilation of the elk and moose herds.

If Washington needs wolves so bad then why not plant them in the Seattle area.

I love driving to Selmo mountain to see the full moon and meteor shower. Taking the kids camping up there to see the full moon was always a big tradition.

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

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.

I have offered to go in myself and spoke to the ranger about it. I was with the chamber and we asked about taking care of it as the chamber and the ranger never bothered to follow through on permits.

The camp ground should be opened back up.

The boat launch should be usable.

Maybe the camp ground should go back in down by the reservoir for another prime spot for camping.

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 use the forest.

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.

Slate creek should be open and use at your own risk because it is prime hunting area and it should be accessible to the people.

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.

Stop locking us out of our resources.

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 lively hoods, 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.

I think Pend Oreille County should take back their national forest.

I believe they could hire foresters who could manage it better and hire local citizens to work the management and care of our lands.

This would benefit us on timber harvest and on the tax base for essential services through out the county.

I prefer the no plan plan that we have now so we can amend it as we adjust to fit our local needs.

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