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Forest plan.

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On the forest plan I prefer the no action plan.

On this date 5 31 16, DeForest Cates would like to amend his comment. The first one can be deleted.

I have tried for more then a month to find something good to say about how the Forest Service is conducting business in my area.

The only thing I see the forest service doing that is effecting my life positively is the Pacific Northwest Trail and the

Forrest Services cooperation with the Pacific North West Trail Association.

Of course the maybe 15 to 20 local people that work for the forest service.

Only those employees have a positive effect on our community.

But the weirdest thing is most of them that work at Sullivan Lake seem to live out of the area. Newport or Colville.

I have only lived here for 17 years and 4 months of my 18 years, but I keep seeing more land being shut off from people by car and all access removed by ATVs.

Permit process to access by ATV land currently being used by motorized vehicles does not exist.

Guide and out fitting is non existent. It is happening but only by those who dare to break the law to do it.

My parents tried for 11+ years before I was born to get a guide and outfitting permit for this forest. It never has been allowed.

Handicapped people being able to hunt and access areas by road that are closed off is non existent(no permit process)

Harvesting of berries and mushrooms for personal consumption should not require a permit.

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PLANS

Alternative P does not allow for more new trails. It holds at the same system we have now.

Alternative B and R turn recommended wilderness into wilderness. No saws no bikes. This is too much overreach.

Wilderness trails and the upkeep to keep the trail open using cross cut saws is over reaching and out of touch with the world.

How do we keep the trails open? They will end up like the Pacific North West Trail bushwhack in Idaho with +12 ft deep tree falls.

I can not find specific comments on fire prevention and trail use surveys.

I think this is very important to Sullivan Lake ranger district with the extreme over growth we have and no prevention being done.

Where are the Over snow vehicle plans? My mother attended a road less meeting and in her notes was it is something the forest service is looking at. But coming out with it after the plan is absurd so I must comment on it now to make sure I will be able to be heard when it is out.

Non motorized people commenting really have little to NO clue on how little money hikers and bikers spend in the communities they visit.

Don't get me wrong I like the hikers I get to meet. They are a great group of people and we want them to still come use the area.

But we are cutting our own throats to leave out so much land to motorized use in North Pend Oreille.

There is so much land there is room for us all no matter the way we use it.

KEEP

All roads open to motor vehicles should be open to all motorized vehicles.

All forest service roads should be travel at your own risk.

All inventory road less should be open to be used and ridden on for all motor vehicles.

All roads should be designated permanent

No gates or kelly humps except on existing wilderness. We have too much inaccessible wilderness in Pend Oreille County.

No new wilderness.

No wilderness next to communities, towns, or campgrounds.

No burning slash during the summer.

Range land should be free access to drastically reduce overgrowth for the next 5 years.

Timber should be harvested by private companies. It costs too much to have the forest service do it and we lose money.

PILT monies should be funding our schools and summer camps for all. In North Pend Oreille County we have

more growth than harvest and it is going to wipe us out of existence when the next wildfire blows through.

No action plan or NO PLAN, PLAN so that we can amend the one we currently have to adjust to the changing needs of the community.

It is basically what we have now with some good additions that can be amended as needed. It has already been amended 40 times in the past.

It will benefit the rural communities economy the greatest.

Thank you.

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