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Comments: But the Forest Plan, in general, I think has got some problems in regards to the level of timber harvest, and in regards to the level of wilderness areas, in regards to the level of inventory roadless areas.

I think one of the issues that you really have is the Northeast Washington Forestry Coalition being able, in my opinion, to leverage their ability to write Forest Plan Alternatives, and to be able to direct the Forest in more of an obvious fashion than just the average citizen that that might come in off the street, so I think that it's a -- we better look at an alternative that can be written then by the legislative authorities for each county. But these are the people that really should have a say in what happens, and, furthermore, I think that they should have a say because they've got plans. They've got plans for the Critical Areas Ordinance, they've got plans for Development Regulations, all the Growth Management issues that we have, the Shoreline Master Plan that we have to go through, and so the idea that we don't coordinate plans, really, in my mind, really bugs me.

I think that the '88 Plan had something like -- gosh, what, about 120 million board feet more per year that was going to come off the Colville -- don't hold me on that, but it's something like that -- and even then we saw the dismantling of any real productive logging in the area because we don't have a mill anymore, the market was questionable at the time, and then also every time a timber sale was put up it was challenged.

So what we've had since then is we've had some pretty bad fire seasons, And, instead, when we've been restricted, and regulated off the forest, we've seen a twofold approach that I think has been wrong. The first is that we haven't been as good at preventing fires, and we haven't been as good because we don't have the access to get there. You can't believe how many letters and comments I get in Olympia saying, "Hey, how come my favorite hunting road, my favorite huckleberry road, my favorite fire cutting road has been closed down?" And it's right behind where I lived, actually, I was born and raised up Highway 21 to Scatter Creek as you go up to Swan Lake, and so it's not anecdotal for me, I can go and show you where we used to be able to go.