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Comments: Dear Amy and the Forest Management Plan Revision team,

Thanks for considering my input in the Forest Management Plan Revision. As an avid mountain biker myself I find that these land use issues especially important for the future use of the area for a multitude of user groups mountain bikers and non mountain bikers alike.

The riding in the Colville National Forest is an experience like non other, in life this uncut experience is difficult, if not impossible to find elsewhere.

On a bike this is all made possible, you earn the climbs to enjoy the descents and views, which adds serious value and fun and overall outdoor experience. Leaving the city and technology behind, the CNF opens up my mind in ways that no local trail can do, and heals the soul like moms 'get well soon' recipe :P.

My family take a couple trips a year and drive up from Spokane, WA. We stay a few days and venture into the surrounding towns to eat and shop. This area is my tech detox, it grounds me, the expansive views reminding me of how small I actually am in this great world.

I would like to recommend the proposed Alternative P as a viable solution in support of both motorized and non motorized access. I would furthermore request that the two changes are made to the plan and include the additional access of The proposed Bald/Snow/White wilderness designation area, and the protection from designating Abercrombie Mountain and Silver Creek trails as wilderness designation.

These areas are extremely valuable to our mountain bike community, adding unity and connectivity to the Kettles. They feature some of the most amazing trails we have in all of Washington State, losing access will also mean losing volunteer groups that come to help clear these trails for all other trail user groups, including our wild companions who use the game trails, sections of these trails offer routes for grazing and traversing to nearby water sources.

With the above changes incorporated, I fully endorse Alternative P. It facilitates trail maintenance needs with chainsaws, allows the Kettle Crest to be designated as one uniform management designation, in turn making it easier to promote and market it as a MUST VISIT contiguous geological, ecological, and recreational destination.

Sincerely,

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