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Dear Colville National Forest,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the revised Colville National Forest Plan.

The Colville is such a unique part of our state that it is vital we protect it for future generations. As a hiker, I believe this plan will be very important to creating a sustainable future for outdoor recreation in Northeastern Washington.

For the most part, I support the Forest's Preferred Alternative because of its goals to protect the area's ecological health while balancing recreation needs. However, believe it falls short in providing enough recreation resources in some areas.

Please consider the following:

* Washington expects 2 million more new residents by 2020, you must meet that demand of new hikers by increasing nonmotorized trail mileage and trail maintenance efforts on the forest.

*The forest is in need of additional wilderness areas to meet growing demand to protect wildlife habitats and ecosystems in addition to providing wilderness recreation experiences.

* In order to keep the forest accessible for everyone, we hope to see roads leading to recreation areas maintained for passenger car use. (I drive a civic!)

Sincerely,
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