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Comments: Increase trail access in Colville National Forest

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Dear Colville National Forest Plan Revision Team,

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

As a hiker, I believe this plan will be very important to creating a sustainable future for outdoor recreation in Northeastern Washington.

I recently (2014) moved to Eastern WA, and look forward to hiking in the Colville Forest. I do not plan to use any motorized recreational vehicles except a passenger car, to get to the trailheads. I would like to know more of the forest is set aside for hiking, and that I won't be sharing it with motors.

In general, I support the Forest's Preferred Alternative (Alternative P) because of its goals to protect the area's ecological health while balancing recreation needs. However, I believe it falls short in providing enough recreation resources.

Hikers like me would like to see more areas that include nonmotorized trails and that these trails, as well as the roads that lead to them, are well maintained.

I would like the final plan to include increased recommendations for wilderness designation. The areas that should be considered for wilderness protection include Bald Snow, Abercrombie Hooknose and Quartzrite Inventoried Roadless Areas as well as Thirteenmile & Cougar Mountain, Grassy Top, and Hall Mountain. I look forward to being able to ramble through them.

Thank you for considering these comments,

Andrea Menin