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Comments: The importance of trails in the Colville National Forest

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Dear Colville National Forest Plan Revision Team,

I've just learned about the chance 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. While I have never yet gotten to visit the Kettle and Selkirk Ranges and other mountains in that region, I certainly hope to do so soon.

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.

If possible, the final plan should include increased recommendations for wilderness designation. Here's our chance to conserve more of the ecosystem for the future.

Sincerely yours,

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