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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.

As a family, we hike all around the state of WA, a place with such unique and wonderful natural and wild places. In this day and age of Climate Change, the decimation of so many species of flora and fauna, and the need for TREES....we need to ensure protection for all wild areas. No longer can we open up natural areas to more human intervention. It's the other direction we need to be moving.

I believe the Forest Plan 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.

It is imperative that we seriously consider not just the human's need for peace and quiet and contemplative and natural spaces, but that these places be protected for THEIR OWN BENEFIT, that of the flora and fauna which each have the right to its own unique life path. It is NOT ours to take away.....

Sincerely,

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