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Comments: Increase trail access in the Colville Ntnl Forest

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Dear Colville National Forest Plan Revision Team,

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

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

I moved to Washington state over a year ago and since have counted myself very lucky to experience all of the amazing hikes and protected outdoor spaces the state has to offer, one of them being Colville National Forest.

Generally, 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 non-motorized 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.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Elise Murphy