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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.

At an age when I can no longer get out and hike anywhere near as much as I'd like to, I still want this gorgeous, wild expanse to be available for the recreational delight of my children, their children, and all generations to come.

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.

More areas should include nonmotorized trails (the internal combustion engine is the one glory of modern civilization most people like me look to escape when we're in the wilderness) and these trails, as well as the roads that lead to them, should be 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.

Sincerely,

Chuck Mathias