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Comments: Comment on Colville National Forest Plan Revision

Dear Forest Supervisor Rodney Smoldon,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Colville National Forest's Land and Resource Management Plan Revision.

I have been a Washington resident for over 40 years, and drawn much comfort and inspiration from its wild lands throughout that time. While I have made only a few visits to the NE corner of the state, I well remember the unique energies of those forests and rivers nearest Canada and Idaho.

As I consider the map of remaining roadless areas now under review, I must note the importance of several to maintaining N-S wildlife connectivity west of the Columbia into higher elevation Coalville tribal lands.

I don't write to present new information; I'm sure this pattern of connectivity is obvious to all who have worked on the development and consideration of alternatives. I am writing to let you know that there are many like me who realize that preserving landscape is necessary to preserve species and ecological function.

Here, to give my grandchildren the best chance of experiencing the wild as I had the opportunity to do so, I think the core choices seem clear. Act to protect land for connection and dispersal during the decades and generations to come.

I request wilderness recommendations for all deserving roadless areas on the Kettle Crest, especially the Profanity, Bald Snow, Hoodoo, and Thirteenmile roadless areas.

Thank you again for accepting public comments on this important issue.

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