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Comments: Comment on Colville National Forest Plan Revision

Dear Forest Supervisor Rodney Smoldon,

I am a US citizen currently living in Nelson, BC. I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Colville National Forest's Land and Resource Management Plan Revision because the forest, particularly its roadless areas, are important to me.

Wildlife knows no borders. What happens to wildlife habitat in the Colville National Forest affects areas to the north, even if they are not part of the same country. The roadless areas provide critical habitat and wildlife connectivity. Not to mention outdoor recreation.

The wild roadless areas of the Kettle Crest are what particularly concern me. I oppose the proposed Special Interest Area designation because it is not strong enough to effectively protect habitat.

I most like Alternative P for its goals to restore ecological resilience, reduce damaging roads, and increase use of fire as a restoration tool. But Alternative P falls far short in protecting large old trees, watershed health, and wilderness quality lands, and in other areas. As part of the Forest's Land and Resource Management Plan revision, I urge you to adopt Alternative P after adding explicit safeguards for large old trees, improving aquatic habitat protections and habitat connectivity, and adding the wilderness recommendations noted above.

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

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