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Comments: Dear Forest Supervisor Rodney Smoldon,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Colville National Forest's Land and Resource Management Plan Revision. The Colville National Forest and all of our forest and wilderness areas in Washington and Northern Idaho are very important to those of us who live in and utilize these areas for recreation and even more importantly they provide the critical natural habitat and migration routes for our diverse wildlife populations that are so important for our current and future generations. These forests and the roadless wilderness areas are very important to all of us who live and work here in Washington State. It's critically important that we protect and conserve these natural forest areas for our future generations.

I strongly believe that wild roadless areas in the Forest should be protected in perpetuity for future generations of people and wildlife. They conserve critical habitat, preserve wildlife connectivity, support outdoor recreation, and benefit local economies. I urge you to adopt conservation and wilderness measures to ensure a wild, healthy future in northeast Washington.

Please recommend the following wild roadless areas on the Colville National Forest as wilderness: Profanity, Bald Snow, Hoodoo, Abercrombie-Hooknose, Salmo-Priest Adjacent, Thirteenmile, and Quartzite. I also ask that they be managed as designated wilderness, to maintain their wildness and suitability.

The wild roadless areas of the Kettle Crest are of paramount importance and must be protected as wilderness. I oppose the proposed Special Interest Area designation for the Kettle Crest, but would like to see a Calispel and The Baldy's Special Interest Area that is multi recreation and connects to communities. I also urge you to support the restoration targets developed by the Northeast Washington Forestry Coalition, which will help the economies of rural communities next to the Colville National Forest.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide our feedback through these public comments on this critically important issue.

Respectfully,  
Ron Reed