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Comments: Expand nonmotorized recreation in revised Forest Plan

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Dear Colville National Forest Plan Revision Team,

I greatly appreciate the opportunity to comment on the revised Colville National Forest Plan.

As a native of Northeastern Washington, I grew up exploring the Colville. We have a great opportunity in this moment to ensure the forest can be enjoyed for the next generation.

Generally speaking, I support the Forest's Preferred Alternative (Alternative P) for its aims of protecting the area's ecological health while balancing recreation needs. However, it falls short in providing adequate recreation resources to reflect growing demand as the population increases statewide.

Hikers would like to see more areas that include nonmotorized 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.

Sincerely,

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