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Comments: Trails are essential to local economic resiliency

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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.

While I live in Western WA we do visit this area with relatives from time to time and I believe it should be preserved as much as possible for hiking. As a hiker, I believe this plan will be very important to creating a sustainable future for outdoor recreation in Northeastern Washington.

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.

Hikers like me 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.

Thank you for your consideration of these important issues.

Janet Stafford