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Comments: It is of utmost importance to those of us dedicated to wilderness protection in British Columbia that the US Forest Service do its utmost to protect un-roaded areas remain in WA state.

Our organization was instrumental in protecting what is probably the last repository for dryland grizzly in North America (Granby Provincial Park). We have from the onset understood and maintain roadless areas south of the 49th parallel are the only possibility for this bear population to ever migrate south towards what has always been part of its home range.

By supporting protection of the roadless areas in WA state you are giving a greater chance of survival in the long run to a bear we hope our own government would show greater sensitivity to in the big picture. I thank you in advance for your every consideration in this matter.