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Comments: I have lived, worked, and payer taxes in the Republic area for 40 years. I have to choose the No Action Alternative. I believe that it would be illegal for the Forest Service to manage areas of the Colville Forest as wilderness before congress votes on the issue. I believe that the wild fires in 2014 and 2015 are examples of the mismanagement of our forest. Logging, thinning, and grazing all help to reduce the out of control wild fires we have seen in the last few years.

The Forest Service should encourage the public to thin live trees in areas that are over stocked for fire wood instead of making it illegal.

Thank you for taking my comment

Paul Locke