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Comments: Proposed Revised Land Management Plan for the Colville National Forest. Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement.

After submitting my comments, I realized that I have a very significant remaining question, having to do with the definition of "backcountry".

As given on your website:

"Management area emphasis would be to provide non-motorized backcountry recreation opportunities in a natural-appearing landscape. Mechanized uses may be allowed. The MA would contribute habitat conditions for species that benefit from an unroaded and summer non-motorized landscape. "

How would this be impacted by Federal mining laws as opposed to the traditional "wilderness" designation?

I am opposed to allowing mining in such areas.

I favor a designation that allows for limited mechanized public access and more opportunity for habitat restoration that might be available with a wilderness designation.

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