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Comments: First and foremost: National Forests are owned by all Americans and should never, under any circumstances, be transferred to state or county jurisdiction. Secondly, the era when resource exploitation was the principal role of National Forests is over. National Forests should now be primarily managed for biodiversity and human recreation. As such, special attention should be paid to non-game species such as insects, (pollinators in particular), and trails, (non-motorized in particular). Thirdly, cattle, as a non-native species should be removed from National Forests. Failing that, the management specifications for grazing should, at the very least, be enforced. Exclosures are not maintained and stubble height specifications are completely ignored. Cattle are trashing the Colville NF. The riparian areas are completely denuded and the trails are degraded and covered in manure. Cattle extract a large cost on the forest for a benefit to relatively few people. I am a avid supporter of our National Forest System and the people who dedicate their lives to managing it. Thank you for the work you do and the opportunity to comment on this plan.