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Comments: Dear Forest Service,

I am writing to express my support for continued off road vehicle access to lands in the Colville national Forest. My main argument for continued ORV access on these lands is this ... for a large segment of our state's population, ORVs are one of the few ways in which they get out into and connect with Nature. ORVs allow people to experience the great outdoors, realize the beauty of the natural world and become engaged in its protection.

Camping and ORV riding are a way of life for many of these folks. Family's pack up their belongings on Friday afternoons and head to the woods to have fun, overcome challenges, improve at a difficult sport, connect with each other and connect with nature. Many of these folks would never experience the beauty of these lands without ORV access.

By experiencing these wonderful places, they are more likely develop a connection with the natural world. As a result, they are more likely to support conserving these and other areas like it going forward. Which should be our goal, expanding the tent under which people consider themselves outdoor recreationalists and conservationists. After all, getting outdoors is good for the soul!

Thank you for your consideration!

Scott Morton