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Comments: I would like to make these few comments about the Colville Forest Plan Revision.

As a longtime resident of Northeast Washington, I have cultivated my sense of place and realize that what sets this landscape apart is that the natural world predominates. Species richness is still not too diminished from historical levels. It is the forests that sustain and make this possible, yet the forests are vulnerable because of the numerous demands society places on them. The inevitable population gains increase the pressure. Uses for our forests will never diminish, only escalate. And that is why I would like to see an emphasis on lower impact, non-motorized recreation in the Forest Plan. I would like to see more support for creating new hiking trails and maintaining the existing ones. I would like access roads to trailheads to be maintained better than they are currently, making them a little more passenger car friendly. I believe we should maximize wilderness areas to preserve wildlife habitat, and to meet increased demand for non-motorized hiking opportunities. Although the Forest's Preferred Alternative proposal, Alternative P, is not bad in general, I think it is somewhat lacking in these aspects.

Sincerely,

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