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Dear Amy and the Forest Management Plan Revision team,

While I have some comments for the Colville NF plan revision first I have a comment about the link to make a comment not working. How many commenters have not been heard because the link didn't work? I feel this makes you look like you don't want to here comments. It also doesn't make your comment period look vary transparent.

As an active outdoorsman I use national forests for all kinds of activities including biking, camping, sking and fishing. I just spent the July 4th weekend camping and biking in the Deshutes NF Two weeks ago I was in the Wenatchee NF doing the same. Since I live in Spokane I am also a regular visitor to the Colville NF and the surrounding communities. While I am in favor of saving wild places for future generations by using wilderness designation the current wildreness ban of mountain bikes would drastically alter trail access in this area disrupting continous routs. The SIA can help protect natural resources and recreation access of these areas. Please change the Bald/White/Snow wilderness proposal to include the SIA. Also Trails like Abercrombie, Silver Creek, Ed's Mtn, and Thirteen Mile should be removed from wilderness designation for another SIA or backcountry designation so they to can continue to be used to attract more visitors to the beautiful areas of northeastern WA.

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