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To whom it may concern,

I hope that you give these repetitious letters, such as the many that begin, "Dear Forest Supervisor Rodney Smoldon", their proper place, which would be the round file. If one cannot take the time to make a real, personal comment, they do not deserve to be counted as commenting.

I live in Pend Oreille County where you are proposing all the new wilderness and caribou habitat (which is wilderness with a different name). You've asked that different solutions be added in comments to help you come up with different solutions. That's great if someone has the time away from his or her own job to do that for you.

Several people have done this and have proposed some good, solid reasons as to why more wilderness is not needed in this forest. I hope you genuinely consider these. I would propose that wilderness is not only not needed; it is harmful to the counties in which it is located. I'm talking petty wilderness here, not Glacier National Park or Yellowstone types. Reports show wilderness areas have a negative economical effect on a county. (Ref. Brian C. Steed, JD, PhD, Economics Instructor, Jon M Huntsman School of Business) The North end of our small county would be devastated by the increase of wilderness.

As has been stated in many other comments, only 1% of visitors use the wilderness we have. That does not justify adding to it. You are tasked with giving good reasoning. To add more wildlife is not a reason. As a person who uses all the Forest I see much more wildlife outside the wilderness zone. I worked for the Forest Service for 10 years and have spent a lifetime in the forest hunting, hiking, biking, and working. By 30 years experience I would not go into the wilderness to view wildlife.

I certainly hope you consider the seriousness of this issue. This country is rapidly being pushed over the edge by the Western Lands issue at the forefront. Continued restriction and lack of good management of our resources, in a time when people need work in our area, would only perpetuate a negative response toward the Forest Service.

I propose no action be taken on the Forest Plan Revision and coordination with the counties be implemented to establish a Forest Plan that takes into consideration the effects on the local economy and communities.

Thank You,

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