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Forest Plan Revision Team,

Thank you for the opportunity for input to the revision plan.

After looking thru the alternative plans, I agree that the alternative P is a decent balance.

It does appear that recommended wilderness areas as outlined do negatively effect both trail lines. Those trail lines are used not only by hikers but also by some bikers, particularly in the area below Kettle Crest. As a hiker I have noticed little negative impact on the trail from biker use. I would recommend a change to the plan to change that area designation from Wilderness to Focused or General Restoration.

I understand the pressures to designate larger areas to Wilderness, but I also know from my own experience that the fuel load increases greatly in these areas, which raises the risk of fire over time. I also know that I am fighting pine beetles on my land in the southern part of the county and have grave concerns about this danger in unmanaged areas of the forest where it can spread very quickly. I urge limited increase of wilderness land because of these risks.

Thank you for the opportunity.

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