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Dear Colville National Forest Plan Revision Team,

Dear Forest Supervisor Rodney Smoldon,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Colville National Forest's Land and Resource Management Plan Revision. The Forest and its roadless areas are important to me and many others across the West, and they provide a home for abundant fish and wildlife species. It's important to protect and conserve the Forest for future generations.

Despite its vital habitat and connectivity values for wildlife and cherished recreation areas, only a small fraction of the Colville National Forest is currently protected. Wild roadless areas on the Forest should be protected in perpetuity for future generations of people and wildlife. They conserve critical habitat, preserve wildlife connectivity, support outdoor recreation, and benefit local economies. I urge you to adopt conservation and wilderness measures to ensure a wild, healthy future in northeast Washington.

Please recommend the following wild roadless areas on the Colville National Forest as wilderness: Profanity, Bald Snow, Hoodoo, Abercrombie-Hooknose, Salmo-Priest Adjacent, Thirteenmile, and Quartzite.

The wild roadless areas of the Kettle Crest are of paramount importance and must be protected as wilderness. I oppose the proposed Special Interest Area designation, and request wilderness recommendations for all roadless areas on the Kettle Crest. Also of importance are protecting large old trees and ensuring watershed health.

This is an opportunity to protect this unique part of the American West for generations to come.

Thank you again for accepting public comments on this important issue.

Sincerely,  
Joel Martin