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Dear Forest Supervisor Rodney Smoldon,

I have lived in Pend Oreille County for 50 years. During that period of time I have slowly watched the forest become less accessible to a fault. Everywhere I look roads are abandoned and behind locked gates I find the additional barriers of trenches and boulders. There are fewer places that the common man can easily reach for camping, hunting, berry picking, or hiking. However, my biggest concern is that we can not get into the forest at times of wildfire. Last year and this spring, my home and those of my loved ones were threatened by fires on forest service land that burned out of control. On one occasion, fighting the blaze was made easier when a new "old" road was discovered that provided easier access to the burn. How sad that our stewardship overlooks the our citizens in the zeal to leap into the past. I propose maintenance over neglect and cohabitation instead of seclusion. Please move towards a wiser and more holistic view of public land use.

Sincerely,

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