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To Whom It May Concern:

The link for commenting on the Plan at <https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/CommentInput?project=45826> appears to be broken. Hence, I am submitting my comments via this email address:

I would like to see an amended version of Alternative P adopted by the Forest as part of the Colville National Forest's Land and Resource Management Plan. The Plan should be amended as follows:

Improve habitat protection for threatened and endangered species such as the woodland caribou, wolf and grizzly bear. Providing connectivity between the currently isolated habitat islands of northeast Washington is essential for the survival of these species and for future generations' ability to enjoy these creatures.

For essential habitat enhancement and optimizing recreational enjoyment, please add the following roadless areas for wilderness status: Twin Sisters, Thirteenmile, Quartzite, Hoodoo, Jackknife, Cougar Mountain, Grassy Top and Profanity Peak.

More of the Forest needs to be devoted to nonmotorized use to the exclusion of motorized use. The current demographics demand it and future trends reinforce the issue. In spite of increasing motorized use of the nation's public lands, the increase in nonmotorized demand is quickly outpacing it. The Colville Forest needs to acknowledge this in the Land and Resource Management Plan.

Finally, by not maintaining trailhead access for regular passenger vehicles, the Forest is de facto devoting much of the Forest only to the dirt bike/ATV community; i.e. those who can get their vehicles up the near-impassable roads providing access to much of the Forest. Providing adequate access for regular vehicles will broaden the opportunity for a broader segment of the State's population. It's a fairness issue.

I am a native Eastern Washingtonian, second generation hiker and climber, who first set foot on a National Forest trail in about 1960. Eastern Washington's outdoorspeople are not all motorheads and would certainly appreciate the opportunity for increased nonmotorized recreational opportunities on the Colville National Forest.

Thank you for your work to protect our public lands.

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