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Comments: Draft Revised Colville National Forest Plan EIS

Dear Plan Revision Team Leader Dillon- USFS,

I support the active management of the Colville National Forest to improve forest health, support local jobs and ensure forest access. The draft Land and Resource Management Plan for the Colville National Forest will not only have a significant impact on the health of our forests, it will impact our local economy and our ability to access the forest.

I am concerned that the draft plan and alternatives fail to address the key issues facing the Colville National Forest. Limiting forest management activities will fail to address the serious risks of catastrophic wildfire, insects and disease. It fails to provide a sufficient and reliable timber supply to support our economy. And the plan's intention to severely limit future road densities within the General Restoration Management Area will reduce the public's ability to access and protect the forest.

The Colville National Forest can do better. I urge the Forest Service to give local communities all the time necessary to understand the impacts of this complicated plan. The Forest Service should listen to the public and incorporate our input into the plan, and offer at least one additional planning alternative that increases forest management activities on a larger land base.

Please accept this as my public comment on the draft Land and Resource Management Plan for the Colville National Forest.

At the very least, thin the threat.

Sincerely,

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