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Dear Colville National Forest Plan Revision Team,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the revised Colville National Forest Plan. I believe this plan will be very important to creating a sustainable future for outdoor recreation in Northeastern Washington.

I believe the Forest's Preferred Alternative (Alternative P) falls short in providing enough recreation resources, but I support it because of its goals to protect the area's ecological health while balancing recreation needs.

I would like to see more areas that include non-motorized trails and that these trails, as well as the roads that lead to them, are well maintained. As a hiker, these are important to me, as I'm sure they are to other hikers.

I would like the final plan to include increased recommendations for wilderness designation in Bald Snow, Abercrombie Hooknose and Quartzrite Inventoried Roadless Areas, Thirteenmile & Cougar Mountain, Grassy Top, and Hall Mountain. Please include these areas for wilderness protection.

Very Truly Yours

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