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RE: forest plan comments

Dear Revision Team Members,

After reading through the proposed Alternatives for the new Forest Plan, I would like to make my recommendation as Alternative B.

I have hiked the Kettle Crest multiple times and even skied from Sherman Pass to Boulder Pass in the winter. I believe the Crest deserves the strongest possible protection. As the population in Washington continues to grow the future value of this remarkable landscape will increase exponentially. Is it too much to ask of ourselves to refrain from molesting this land?

I have lived in Ferry County for 35 years and have many friends that have a wide range of interests and opinions. Friends that have Grazing Permits tell me that they fear losing their access to summer pastures that make their ranches viable. I have told them of my experience of hike in New Mexico wilderness where there is still grazing. I believe they will be able to continue to use this land and that the restrictions of Wilderness will not force them out.

I would very much agree with the Proposed Action Alternative if that were the Forest Service Preferred Alternative. However, I am afraid that by the time the final plan comes out the Profanity section of the Kettle Crest will be lost.

In conclusion, I have participated and spent many hours and days going to meetings trying to collaborate with other interest groups. The Forest Roundtable took up a number of precious Saturdays. I hope that my efforts will help protect these lands for the future!