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To Whom It May Concern:

I am commenting as a Rancher/Taxpayer/Colville Forest Permittee whose base operation is in Stevens County. I am supporting Colville Forest Revision Plan (P) Alternative. I do have concerns with this plan, that I would hope would allow for some tweaking before being enacted.

(A)Stubble Height -- I disagree with 8 inch stubble height. This has not been effective. I would recommend staying with 4 inch stubble height and allow Forest Service Range Personnel to make judgment calls on case by case basis.

(B)Wilderness -- New wilderness added -- I do not support the addition of any new wilderness areas. I feel in todays changing times, going into the future, we should not put restrictions on recourses for Future Generations. I have a son and two daughters who are actively involved in my ranch. Our partnership with the Forest Service is key with their future. Be it Expansion, Sustainability, or Profitability. For every dollar my ranch generates it will turn over five times in our local community.

As permittees, it should be noted, we are usually multiple generations on the land and we are not there for brief visits. These Forest Permits are extensions of our ranches and reflect a good deal pride twelve months of the year.

I feel Range Personnel employed by Forest Service should have stronger voice as to management of Colville National Forest, as they deal with multiple facets (Timber, Grazing, Wildlife, Recreation, Water Quality, Sensitive Plants, etc.) versus those that are employed for specific areas.