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Comments: Thank you very much for this comment period, as it is very important to us both.

Our property (80 acres) adjoins 40 acres of State land which adjoins the Colville National Forest. 2 years ago, a lightening fire in the Nat. Forest was reported by us and the fire crew used our fire control trail to access and quickly suppress the fire. This was followed later by forest clean up for fire prevention, which we appreciated. We have done what we could on our 80 acres, but a huge fire such as 2015 (and 2014) would probably overwhelm our efforts. (our area was spared the fire damage)

Our desires for the Colville National Forest:

1. Keep open existing roads for fire control; recreation /hiking/hinting; firewood; berries and mushrooms; forest management/thinning/fire prevention projects, etc. multi uses.
2. Revenues from logging can help fund our schools and should be encouraged, especially as it benefits fire management/prevention.
3. Proper forest management should help with bug control, which has damaged a large area of forest in Ferry County.
4. Closing roads is problematic for us as we are older and can't hike in 10 miles to the "former" trailhead to start the hike to the view. This was done at Hooknose, Ambercrombie and Sherlock area north of Colville. The road was purposely destroyed. We strenuously object to any road destruction , as building a new one is now cost prohibitive, and roads are needed for all our previous reasons.
5. We are concerned with "Wilderness Class" because it will prevent proper management of this part of the forest for fire prevention, bug control, public access, and wildfire suppression.

We have a beautiful and bountiful area that we enjoy - please keep in mind public access when formulating the management plan. Access precedes appreciation and appreciation leads to protection of what we value.

thanks again for all the work.