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Comments: Dear Colville National Forest Supervisor Rodney Smoldon,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide public comments on this important issue. As part of the Forest's Land and Resource Management Plan revision, I urge you to adopt Alternative P after adding explicit safeguards for large old trees, improving aquatic habitat protections and habitat connectivity, and recommending the following wild roadless areas on the Colville National Forest as wilderness: Profanity Peak, Bald Snow, Hoodoo, Abercrombie-Hooknose, Salmo-Priest Adjacent, Thirteenmile, and Quartzite. Despite its vital habitat, and connectivity value for wildlife and cherished recreation areas, only a small fraction of the Forest is currently protected. These places should be set aside in perpetuity for future generations of people and wildlife. I urge you to adopt these conservation measures to ensure a wild, healthy future in northeast Washington.

Sincerely,

Conservation Northwest

The Lands Council

Kettle Range Conservation Group

National Wildlife Federation

Spokane Mountaineers