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I am a 40 yr resident of Ferry County, WA., my wife & I have supported ourselves as architects & at times builders in this area for at least 30 of those yrs.

We have seen many various changes with the environment in this short span of time becoming more exaggerated within the past 5 years. Last years fires were a real wakeup call for the local area & the nation as well. All those burned acres have removed themselves from forest based habitats for a diversity of wildlife including the forest themselves for quite some time to come. This in itself is more than enough reason to protect as much of the Colville that remains. Less than 3% that is currently protected has always been token in my view. I am inclined to support your alternative B which appears to accommodate a balance of forestry uses, ecological benefits (wildlife & watersheds) and job creation. Those areas of Ambercrombie-Hooknose, Profanity, Hoodoo, Grassy Top, Bald Snow & others should definitely be considered to be maintained as is, especially the old growth.

Thank you for considering public comments on this long time contested issue.

Sincerely

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