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Comments: Hello Angie,

As the end of the comment period on subject plan approaches, I wanted to congratulate you and your team on conducting an extensive and elaborate process to produce the document. My wife and I participated to the extent practicable as follows:

- -Attended 3 community sessions
- -Made numerous on line comments on various

Plan elements.

-Met with Project Leader and sent emails to avert

Unwise trail placement decisions.

-Met with USFS staff and provided alternatives for

Proposed new trail.

-Discussed concerns with Project Leader and

Other USFS staff at various community

Sessions.

Despite the foregoing, the draft plan includes a new proposed loop(trail 4) on subject system which would put users in harms way from firearms use on my adjacent property.

As you may recall when I met with you in your Gainesville office and we reviewed maps of the area, you advised me that there were no plans to construct such new trail in that location.

Once the draft plan with proposed loop trail 4 was published, I met with USFS staff from the Blairsville/Blue Ridge office at the location of the proposed trail and reviewed the nature of the problem as well as proposing alternative routes for the loop.

I trust that as Project Leader you will bring this matter to a speedy and amicable conclusion.

Thanks again for your continued leadership in this planning process.