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As you know, the Forest Plan is now being revised and the time for public comment is drawing to a close. I would like to include my thoughts please.

I am a pilot that enjoys flying small airplanes into remote locations. Once there we camp, hike, float, fish, bike, in other words, basically enjoy the great outdoors. There are many pilots and associations that enjoy the same, with the RAF or Recreational Aviation Foundation being one. I am a member of several of these organizations including the RAF. Take my word for it, these are the folks you want using National Forest land. They are good, well mannered and motivated, low impact type people. They are great at volunteering and practice fly it in/fly it out.

My request is that you acknowledge these activities and this group of fine folks by:

In your Proposed Action where "trails and roads" are mentioned, please include "and airstrips".

Acknowledge that aviation is valid method in which to access National Forest Lands. I have done this many times in Montana and Idaho. Always leaving the area as good, if not better than when I arrived.

It is important for planners to coordinate with volunteer groups. Please include guidance for them.

The Forest Service should work to emphasize airstrip infrastructure and guidance information to planners in the Proposed Action document. Also including sources of information on the airstrips would be very helpful.

Please include recreational aviation along with airstrips in order to encompass potential future demand on same.

Thank you for your time,  
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