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Comments: Comments on proposed amendment to the Forest Plan regarding Galena lands and Atoma site

Dear Mr. Dunkelberger:

I strongly support the proposed amendment to the Forest Plan to restrict future commercial development on the 3,446 acres of acquired Galena lands. I also support the USFS preferred Alternative #3, which I believe best protects public safety and reduces environmental impacts for the Atoma site. I am in favor of all proposed actions that would maintain public access and dispersed recreation uses for the 3,446 acres of acquired Galena lands and for the Atoma site.

My wife and I, and our two young children (ages 10 and 7) frequently use the Mt. Rose area for various activities including hiking, birdwatching, looking at flowers, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing. We have also obtained Christmas trees there. We would be extremely disappointed to lose a big part of this wonderful natural area to development that would be better placed elsewhere.

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