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Dear USFS,

We write to share comment on the Robinson Integrated Resource Project Environmental Assessment as is pertains to the Bingo Brook area.

First, we fully support the stewardship goals and the energy toward appropriate structure/facilities for outdoor recreation and "connecting people to nature." We too trust that the USFS will prioritize the landscape's needs over our human usage desires as is stated in much of the assessment.

We are in agreement with our neighbors Brad & Harland McKirryher that the assessment actions propose significant changes to the Bingo area. This area has been for many years a wild and quiet area off the beaten path. We accept change will happen, yet as stewards of the area share a few concerns around the increase of human activity and traffic.

As noted in several moments, waste management has been inadequate at Bingo Brook Campsites. Are there plans to additionally include facilities for the larger of the proposed parking lots on 42D, currently campsite 2? It seems facilities for horses, motorized vehicles, and campers are necessary at this location and there will be need for regular maintenance.

Does USFS have plans to regulate sound pollution from generators, loud music, etc… that may occur with increased usage and facilities? Particularly Bingo Brook campsite 2 if turned into a parking lot is just downhill from us and our neighbors.

Moreover, as noted in your reports we know increased human activity not monitored can have detrimental effects as noted with climbers on Mt. Horrid. We would like to see further plans to manage this and consequences if the area is mistreated. This is emphasizing the importance of statements already seen in the assessment.

We feel it important the USFS communicates to the public how the recreational areas work in different seasons. We see a need for an additional locked winter gate where the plowing stops on Bingo Road just past Harland McKirryher's home. This would help maintain the integrity of the landscapes winter needs and the x-country ski and snowshoeing that often happens on the un-plowed road. Has this been considered?

Last, in respect for private property: We ask you to please consider avoiding Wyman Road, which runs through our and Brad McKirryher's properties when developing the trail loop. Would signage be possible for the 3 way intersection up above our properties to keep people and horses from dropping down into private property? This is a privacy issue and environmental as the landscape is susceptible to erosion.

Thank you for receiving and considering our comments!
Please notify us of receipt.

Sincerely,

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