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Here are some of my comments for the Forest Plan.

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Recommended Wilderness Areas.

I supported various areas for recommendation. Under the agreement and work plan I stated that I would like to see some boundary changes to the Hoodo(Great Burn) RWA. This was for snowmobile users only. Users settled on three areas covering approximately 19,700 acres out of 190,000 or 250,000 acres depending on different boundary decisions.

The three areas are Surveyor, Hoodo, and Williams Lake/Black Leade. I still support this option.

If possible, in the evaluation period for inclusion from a Roadless theme to RWA, I would like to see a reverse theme change to downgrade to a lower standard theme.

Wild and Scenic Areas.

I support the Forest Service completing a suitability study on the segments.

I do not recommend lower Kelly Creek as inclusion because of the important commercial road next to the stream and potential misuse in court.

Scenery as an OHV has to be narrowly defined to be compatible with the original Law. The law states a 1/2 mile corridor. To assume 1/4 mile on either side of the segment. I feel scenery should be in the 1/2 mile corridor only. The Forest is unique in that many streams may seem outstanding, but in reality many are exactly like the one next to it. So is this now unique for inclusion?

Motorized Access.

A big problem exist here. The Recreation Opportunity Spectrum(ROS) seems to cover and regulate every acre of land according to a sound level. This forest is unique in that it has so much wilderness and RWA's that a person is entitled to recreate(non-motorized)over a million acres of real estate. Wilderness, RWA's and Roadless areas.

The front country; maybe 500,000 acres, will now be managed under a ROS category(Summer Motorized) and will eliminate many more acres that are dark colored on the map even though they are front country available. The travel plan already eliminates many miles of motorized recreation. The plan was done before a updated and completed Forest Plan was put into place. The non-motorized areas will not be taken out of consideration for motorized access until another plan can review this action. The ROS puts another layer on top of the travel plan to stop economic development in trails and recreation. What will happen is more recreation will be competing for smaller and smaller acres. I would like to see the ROS revamped to allow more motorized recreation in the front country. Lower end of Johns Creek should change to motorized. Mex Mountain, Van Camp North, Weitas Guard Station, Cook Mountain Area, Liz Butte Cabin Area, East of Cook Mountain to the 500 Road, Scurvy Mountain Lookout and Cold Springs Peak Cabin Area are some areas that need changed. I realize the majority of these areas are in some sort of Roadless designation. The Roadless rule does not address motorized trails; therefore, they are allowed to be considered and allowed if the Forest Service Would do so.

The three areas in the Selway Wilderness should not eliminate airplane use.

Wildlife

I would like to see language that will allow areas deemed off limits because of Elk Security be adaptable as the season changes and the vegetation changes over time. Be flexible to open areas or closes areas as conditions change per Dr. Cook and Dr. Wisdom.

Land and Special Uses

When lands are acquired for such purposes like recreation, motorized access should be a top priority use.