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Comments: Thank You for the opportunity to make comments concerning the Wynoochee project area.

I am writing to voice my appreciation for access to public lands, trails and camping areas. I am a resident of Grays Harbor County who spends as much time as possible exploring the backwoods and hiking the trails.

I have volunteered on the Thursday Trail Crew out of Port Angelas at various locations and with the Back Country Horsemen,team Grey Wolf,at Lake Quinault.

Volunteer organizations, the Back Country Horsemen of Grays Harbor (BHG) and the Washington Trails Association (WTA) work on trail maintenance to keep access open in the Wynoochee and Humptulips Valleys. I urge you to collaborate with these volunteer organizations, utilizing these dedicated, capable volunteers in an ongoing basis, creating opportunities for maintenance.

The Wynoochee is a popular recreation destination. Access is important to me as an elder who has overcome injuries through my dedication to remain active and mobile. I appreciate access and hiking opportunities in the mountains and along our rivers and lakes. The natural beauty of the forest is reinvigorating. It is vital to maintain access to the trails many of us appreciate and utilize for physical and mental well-being.

I support the Olympic Public Access Coalition (OPAC) requests.

*Maintain 2270 (ML3) as a mainline road.

*2270 Retain Upper Loop Road (ML1 and ML2) which provide access for fire suppression. Retain ML3 as a mainline loop road.

*2270-400 Retain ML2 access to Wynoochee Pass Trail #874.

*2270-560 Leave "as is". It is a parking area with access to Discovery Lake, Mt. Hoquiam and Connie Lake.

*2270-600 Leave unchanged. It connects to the West fork Humptulips and Humpnoochee Pass.

*2298-2281 Is a mainline loop. Keep this open for emergency access, fire or dam breach.

*2270 Wet crossing (2275-100) Concerning the river bank and bridge area. This should be closed to motor vehicles and accommodated as a walk-in dispersed camping area. One ADA restroom should be budgeted at this location from May-September. Place a kiosk with Leave No Trace principles for visitor information.

*Create a safety pull out for vehicles and trailers for dispersed camping, at least 150" on roads that will be closed.

Maintain Public access.

Thank you for your consideration.

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