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Comments: RE: Wynoochee Restoration and Road Management Project #53124.

To whom it may concern:

As a local resident of the Wynoochee Valley, I appreciate the opportunity to comment on this proposal affecting both the Wynoochee Lake area and access to the surrounding Olympic mountains.

Access to public lands has become increasingly difficult and there are few areas remaining where one can access land and trailheads within the Olympic Mountains via motorized vehicle. I oppose the closure of the upper portion FS 2270 adjacent to 560 (Discovery Lake area). This road affords valuable access to the ridge and other high terrain for backpacking, hunting, and other recreational opportunities. Closing the road restricts and or limits access to these areas and forces a significantly long approaches to trailheads were there was once immediate access. In addition, the closure would no longer allow FS2270 to be driven in a complete loop, which is advantageous due to the limited turn-arounds on much of the road.

While I understand that limited maintenance funds are forcing the closure of many of these roads, I am confident a balance can be reached to continue access to FS2270 by maintaining the entire loop as ML2.

Thank you,

Steve Baker