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Comments: I am in support of the management goals of the Granite Meadows CFLRP. Any and all measures that can be taken to mitigate the Wildfire threat to nearby urban areas should be undertaken asap. This project endeavors to make the area much more fire defensible and I am in full support of those goals.

As a long time resident of the McCall area I also see this project as an opportunity to incorporate a number of non system user created trails in the Bear Basin area. There is a long history with a number of these trails being used by Mountain Bikers, Hikers and Equestrians and they need to be brought up to FS standards and maintained in the future. Also like to see the Payette Forest go ahead with the proposed trail that was scoped between 2009 and 2011 that would connect the Brundage Mountain Trail system with the Bear Basin system. The Bear Basin trail system has been wildly popular and it is well past the point that there needs to be additional trails constructed in the area as well as connections made to other existing trails in the area.

As the Bear Basin, Payette Lake, & Brundage areas become ever more popular as recreation destinations of both locals and visitors there are infrastructure facilities that need to be added especially in the 451 Rd. corridor. Pit toilets and developed parking areas are high on that list.

I look forward to seeing this project progress and am excited to follow the process.

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