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Comments: Buckskin Saddle Integrated Resource Project

Dear Michelle,

I am writing to express my support for the Buckskin Saddle Integrated Resource Project. The treatments prescribed in this proposed action would not only benefit forest health, but also improve recreation experiences for local outdoor enthusiasts.

As an avid dirtbike rider I have spent significant time recreating in the project area. The trails in that area provide a unique recreation experience by providing challenging trails that lead to beautiful views of Lake Pend O'reille and the surrounding area. Getting to the top of Packsaddle Mountain provides a bucket list experience and view for all those who make it to the summit.

The trails in the area are known among dirtbike enthusiasts as a challenging destination, with the reward being the views and experiences described above. As the trails are improved and rerouted I hope that some of the challenge found on the project area trails can be preserved. I do not mean that fall line segments of trail with steep sustained grades or the very tight switchback found on trail #76, #611, and others should be preserved, but rather that the trail designer should seek out challenge in the natural landscape such as step-up rocks, tree roots, slab rocks, etc. If the trail management objectives call for providing for easier access, it may be possible to still provide challenge through the use of multiple lines. This is where a trail splits into controlled segments where one segment provides a more challenging route, while a second segment may include easier or less difficult route options. If the District is looking for guidance on how to layout challenging yet sustainable OHV trails, including those with multiple lines, I would suggest downloading or purchasing the book "Great Trails: Providing Quality OHV Trails and Experiences" from the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council. This 350+ page guide has detailed instructions, pictures, and illustrations that will assist you in providing a great recreation experience that also provides resource protection. This book can be downloaded for free at www.nohvcc.org <<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.nohvcc.org%2F&data=02%7C01%7C%7C47ff4374107640eaaf6608d720dc4f4d%7Ced5b36e701ee4ebc867ee03cfa0d4697%7C0%7C0%7C637014004524183719&sdata=Ss%2Fylalk%2BLDB9ANZhEFfwYypO6U840D56SQ0kg6n%2FvQ%3D&r eserved=0>> .

Thank you in advance for consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

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