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Comments: To Whom it May Concern:

I am opposed to closing any roads in the Colville National Forest. It makes the job of EMS, firefighters, and loggers much more difficult, if not impossible. I use the forest roads and am very respectful. I believe it would be detrimental to close the 140 miles of roads proposed in this project.

Tourism is a very important aspect of this county. We need more roads open for recreation. This will bring in tourist dollars which will help our economy. Open roads provide not only opportunities for tourism and recreation, but will assist law enforcement and First Responders in all types of situations.

We are repeatedly told that decisions such as this are "based on the best science." After spending 50+ years in this forest, it is obvious that the best science is everchanging. The roads that are already closed, should be reopened, not decimated at taxpayer expense. That is not a responsible way to spend our taxpayer dollars.

It has been proven that meandering streams will continue to change over time. Even muskrat burrows weaken banks which change the course of streams. This is proven. The destruction of the stream and stream area by Diamond City was a needless waste. Please do not repeat this!

I hope this isn't another example of the "best science" which will change. Please respect taxpayers' wishes as are expressed in this and other comments. We need our roads open and our streams left for nature to change.

Thank you!