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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to share my opinion on the proposed Sxwuytn Kaniksu Trail Project. According to Oxford Dictionary, a project is "an individual or collaborative enterprise that is carefully planned to achieve a particular aim." The aim, in this case, is a healthy forest. We, the people, and you, the Forest Service, need a collaborative plan that is in the best interest of a healthy forest, yet allows people to continue to responsibly recreate.

I am definitely opposed to closing more roads in the Colville Forest. These roads allow for easier access to fight potential fires, accessing victims for First Responders, as well as allowing for healthy recreation. Closing any road in the forest is, frankly, irresponsible.

There has been a lot of discussion about using the "Best Science." Best Science keeps changing, to the expense of wildlife, aquatic life, and sections of formerly healthy forest. There is also a need to use common sense and the expertise of a wildlife expert, not affiliated with this project.

The cloak of secrecy needs to be removed and the people who recreate in our forests need to be acknowledged and listened to. Everyone should be responsible and consider, collaboratively, what is genuinely best for the forest and those who wish to enjoy time there. Please do not close any roads! Give people more access to the beautiful forest so they can appreciate and help care for it.