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Comments: My family and I have hiked in the Rapid River area many times over the more than 30 years we have lived in Moscow. We especially love the pristine Rapid River canyon and its unique plant communities that we don't see farther north. I cannot imagine having to share access to this trail with motorized/mechanized use. Northern Idaho is full of options for such use, but trails limited to foot travel, especially trails that are easily accessible for hikers that are no longer able to backpack, are not plentiful. When we walk the river trail, we become immersed in the peace of the river and the forest. We participate in its life along with the plant and animal communities that have their home here.

Motorized traffic on the trails in this area is not compatible with the experience we seek when we hike in the forest. It is noisy, generates engine exhaust, and degrades trails. It disturbs plant and animal habitat. It is not compatible with the area's Wild and Scenic River designation. We urge the Forest Service not to approve the proposal to allow it anywhere in the Rapid River corridor.