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Comments: The Bitterroot Forest front project gives opportunity for many recreational opportunities. Many of the trailheads are now overrun with increased interest in riding, hiking, and biking in the area. As part of the recreation component of the project, many trailheads could be expanded and new campsites created to spread out participants. Since many old roads are imbedded in the area from past fire fighting and logging, these would provide a base for loops up and down the Bitterroot front. It is nice to imagine that one could some day hike, bike, or ride the length of the valley without having to contend with traffic or private land crossings, which are increasingly closed.

From a fire standpoint, the Bass/Larry Creek area demonstrates an ideal habitat improvement for wildlife without losing a strong recreational attraction. With climate change increasing temperatures, reducing moisture, and increasing winds, the Bitterroot Front is poised to become a huge fire disaster burning all the way to the Bitterroot River and possibly skipping over to the East side. We must come together to complete this project before the natural process of fire clears the land.