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Comments: In the area near Troy, MT, the trail should be re-routed to the south to reduce its impact on sensitive and scarce grizzly bear habitat. Numerous studies show that the presence of hikers forces grizzlies to avoid an area, and yet the trail is routed through some of the best grizzly habitat in the region. If the number of hikers increases, as it has on other through-trails, such as the PCT and AT, the dislocation of grizzlies will accelerate. This area is part of the Cabinet-Yaak Grizzly Bear Recovery Zone established by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Unlike other zones, grizzlies in this zone can not take refuge in large areas of designated wilderness and they lack the protection offered by a national park. Instead, this region experiences large timber operations and other extractive industries that also impinge on bear habitat. The current location of the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail only makes that worse.