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Comments: Hi,

I am writing to comment on the proposed comprehensive plan for the Pacific Northwest Trail. I was able to thru hike the trail several years ago and I appreciated the quiet and solitude found on this lesser known trail. I love the way National Scenic Trails tie a landscape together by preserving and protecting a landscape level corridor for the trail to pass through that maintains the wilderness and rural characteristics of an area. I think the PNT has so much potential since so much of the route already occurs on protected lands, and I would encourage the Forest Service to take the PNT off of roads wherever it is possible to do so. Although there are fewer public lands in the Puget Sound area, perhaps that can be a unique opportunity to preserve a working landscape of farms and forestry lands to protect the trail corridor and the current uses of the land around the trail as well. I am excited to see the PNT become better protected and thank you for considering my comments.