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Comments: I am writing to show my support for CHANGING current route of the Pacific Northwest Trail. I support the change to the southern route, which would avoid grizzly bear habitat in the Yaak Valley. Ensuring the long-term protection of grizzly bear habitat should be a priority when deciding where this trail should be. I support the leadership and guidance put forth by the The Yaak Valley Forest Council - they have described exactly why hikers through the Yaak Valley would continue to threaten the already vulnerable grizzly bear population.