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Comments: I have lived in the Yaak River valley of northwest Montana for 50 years. I am very familiar with the trails in the area.

I support the maintaining the PNW Scenic Trail approximately in the current location. Future construction will of course dictate deviations.

I am not in favor of the proposed extensive rerouting in Lincoln County Montana & Doundary County Idaho which has been advocated by some individuals. That theoretical location suffers from the same impacts to critical grizzly bear habitat as the current one.

I do believe going forward it will be important to plan & plan & implement strategies to mitigate the inevitable negative impacts to wildlife from the use of the trail.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on this project.

Peter Kitts