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Comments: As a regular hiker and someone who loves to explore wilderness, I love that the Forest Service is furthering and maintaining trails through dense areas of wilderness. However, the Northern Route through the Yaak Valley is too close to grizzly bear habitat and we should respect them and their land. The completely viable and more sustainable Southern Route should be used instead of the Northern Route. This would help keep any bear-human conflicts down and keep hikers/wildlife watchers/etc. safe and allow the bears to safely recover their populations as well, without human interference. It is common sense and to the benefit of all to have humans avoid the Northern Route while still getting to enjoy the Southern Route.