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Comments: I object because the current northern route will impact four of the six designated grizzly bear recovery zones -- the bears could be severely effected by the possibility of conflict with humans or be displaced along the proposed trail. The Southern Route would avoid this.

The Northern Route will effect road density standards which could cause the Dept. of Agriculture to close down roads and trails because of potential high use. The recreational use will be restricted.

Again, the Southern Route will help hikers, wildlife, timber management as well as improve the local economy.

The PNT will result in a shorter and compressed season for hikers. The season has high levels of bear activity in the recovery zones. This could result in more bear/human meetings.

The bears' survival depend on human action ... agencies must do all they can to protect the bears and also allow recreational benefits for humans. If there's any doubt, let's try to protect the bears.