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Comments: As an avid hiker and proponent of public use lands, I strongly oppose the southern re-route of the PNT. I hike the section of the PNT in question nearly every year and find no significant indication that wildlife of any kind is being or is likely to be disturbed. In fact, very few hikers attempt the PNT, especially the first two hundred miles. In all the time I have hiked this portion, I have met less than a dozen other hikers, several who had no idea that the PNT even existed. I would strongly support better marking of the trail system, especially in the area from the Lake Koocanusa reservoir to Yaak as even a multi-time hiker such as myself can have difficulty finding the proper trail to utilize.

Thank you,