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Comments: I am writing in objection to the Northern Route of the PNT. The proposed addition to the Pacific Northwest Trail would introduce a high traffic corridor of thousands of hikers through the heart of the grizzly's habitat. This dangerous for both hikers and bears.

Multiple proposals exist that would reroute the trail, allowing hikers to still experience the region along the PNT but not impact the core grizzly habitat. The benefits of the Southern Route of the PNT through the Cabinet region are numerous for many regional stakeholders, including communities, businesses, forest management, hikers, and grizzlies. A win-win solution exists in the Southern Route of the PNT.

I petition the US Forest Service to consider their responsibility to caring for the land and serving people. I petition the US Forest Service to ensure that the Southern Route of the PNT is put in place instead of the Northern Route for the wellbeing of all involved.