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Comments: I am currently unable to access any documentation for this OSV plan from the USFS website.

Please provide appropriate links to the data.

Has the Kootenai National Forest considered a working group for local input, similar to the Kaniksu OSV North Idaho Working Group (NIWG)? Local input should be considered, as the Forest Service is being constrained by overreaching federal regulations and special-interest groups.

I urge the planners to provide a balance of motorized and non-motorized recreational opportunities. Large-scale closures over the long-term do not create a balance between conservation and recreation or productivity/economy. Conservation is necessary, but can be achieved without multi-use closures. Neighboring forest planning should be considered such as continuity with the Kaniksu OSV plan. Connecting routes and open areas should be implemented. Historically open areas should not be closed to OSV use without evidence of significant damage.