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Comments: I Support Access and Active Management in the Northwest Forest Plan

Dear Northwest Forest Plan,

As a family blessed to live in the beautiful Pacific Northwest and that greatly enjoys hiking, biking, paddling, exploring and camping, we take a special interest in the upcoming USFS NW Forest Planning activities.

While as a young adult most of my forest activities were 'human powered', the transition to having a young family moved us into a mix of travel, shifting more to motorized travel and less toward human powered travel. The shift toward motorized travel has allowed wonderful family time together and the introduction of our kids to camping in remote areas, often dispersed camping, with manageable day hikes and/or paddling adventures. That same shift allowed my aging parents to join us on some of our adventures. I also recognize that as I get older motorized travel will become more important to me in allowing me to enjoy areas that I would be prevented from visiting due to my physical limitations.

For me the priorities of an inclusive forest management plan would be:

- Continued broad access for both motorized and non-motorized visitors
- Minimized closures to avoid concentration of travel and adverse impact on limited areas
- Improved maintenance (culverts, bridges, slide repair) to encourage use and dispersion of forest visitors
- Improved education and enforcement of forest violations such as noise, off-trail travel, littering and vandalism
- Retained or expanded road access to allow best forest management practices for disease and fire management
- Retained or expanded dispersed camping areas to allow enjoyment and dispersion of forest visitors
- Continued partnership with clubs and organizations to harness volunteer efforts for trash clean up and feasible trail / road maintenance
- Broad economic benefit to local communities

Sincerely,

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