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Comments: I Do Not Support the Proposed Action for the Lolo Forest Plan Revision

Dear Lolo National Forest Plan Revision,

Montana provides world class off roading and recreational experiences that need to be protected. The proposed action is far too restrictive and I believe better alternatives that do not create new Recommended Wilderness Areas should be proposed.

The USFS should be looking at ways to provide reasonable access that will sustain the growing numbers of visitation. Often agencies try to address increased use through closures, restrictions, and reservation systems. These approaches create a scarcity of access, which concentrates use in remaining areas. USFS should plan for opening more areas, routes, and amenities to accommodate increased public demand to utilize public lands. Furthermore, recent studies are starting to emerge that show that reservation systems are discriminatory.

It is important to recognize that discrimination towards American with disabilities within federal land management agencies is deeply rooted and hidden in plain sight. Recreation, primarily motorized recreation has taken a backseat to conservation and protection. Motorized recreation is often the only way those with mobility impairment disabilities are able to enjoy diverse recreation experiences on public lands.

I don't want to see the Forest Service give preferential treatment to any user group over another. I believe USFS can manage for all types of recreation within this area. Motorized and non-motorized users can co-exist and one should not be restricted to accommodate another.

Sincerely,

Ken Sellers