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Comments: Dear Lolo National Forest Administrators,

As a Montana resident and neighbor to the LNF and one who recreates very frequently therein, I respectfully request the following considerations to the Lolo National Forest Land Management Plan Revision #62960.

Please;

- Conserve big game migration routes and connectivity for elk, mule deer, and bighorn sheep, and utilize "management areas" to conserve important winter ranges and other crucial big game habitats.
- Identify Westslope cutthroat trout as a species of conservation concern and manage for watershed conservation.
- Manage recreation on the forest to maintain habitat function, especially on winter range and on newly acquired national forest lands, such as Woody Mountain east of Missoula. This could include utilizing seasonal road/trail closures and route density standards.
- Increase the number and scale of active management projects that improve wildlife habitat, reduce severe wildfire risk, and increase resilience to hotter and more variable weather. Coordinate those efforts with the State of Montana Forest Action Plan.
- Support backcountry hunting and fishing opportunities by managing important undeveloped areas for semi-primitive and primitive recreation.
- Identify areas with limited access points and where access should be increased.

Thank you for keeping these critically important considerations in your new management plan!

Sincerely,

Alan White