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Comments: As an almost 50 year resident of the Rattlesnake Valley who has extensively skied, hiked, bicycled and backpacked the Rattlesnake NRA throughout the years, I am concerned any proposed revisions of the Forest management plan specific to the Rattlesnake NRA would change the primitive character of this area. Specifically, any motorized use(ie e-bikes, etc) beyond what is currently allowed for management purposes would drastically increase congestion and degrade the primitive character of the area. This is increasingly a concern given the rapid rise of population in the Missoula area. in that same vein, any facility upgrades should only occur to address health and safety concerns, such as bathroom, facilities, or changes in parking areas. I also feel strongly any fuel reduction measures should be implemented without commercial logging or road building. I am relatively sure the public sentiment against commercial logging is as strong now as it was several years ago when it was proposed by the Missoula district ranger. Commercial logging is a viable fuel reduction measure in appropriate places but this is not one of them given the primitive and high use recreation nature of this area.

As a long ago trail crew foreman in the rattlesnake NRA, I encourage you to keep this area managed the way it has been since its inception. Thanks for your time.