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Comments: I'm writing to provide my comments on the proposed Lolo National Forest's Proposed Action for a new Forest Plan. My comments are focused on the Proposed Action for the Rattlesnake National Recreation Area (RNRA).

Because the RNRA is the only congressionally-designated NRA in Forest Service Northern Region, and is truly iconic for the Missoula community, the original and unique intent of the RNRA should be preserved as originally construed in its enabling legislation and the Lolo National Forest's 1986 administrative direction that emphasizes a light-handed management approach that supports primitive recreation. This requires, I believe, that the following be implemented:

1. A separate Management Area solely for the RNRA that is based on and strives to adhere to and preserve the standards from the original 1986 Lolo National Forest Plan for the RNRA.

2. Completely excluding new roads for any reason anywhere within the RNRA.

3. Completely excluding commercial logging for any reason anywhere within the RNRA.

4. Completely excluding livestock grazing for any reason anywhere within the RNRA, including the southeast "Backcountry Zone."

5. Not designating the "South Zone" and the corridor to Franklin Bridge for concentrated recreation, which would totally and irrevocably destroy the recreational value of this area and instead turn it into what feels like a developed recreational area in contravention of the RNRA's enabling legislation and the 1986 Lolo National Forest's Plan.

Thank you for considering my comments.