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Comments: We have lived in the Rattlesnake Valley before it became a recreational area and wilderness. We participated in the designation of this particular wilderness area and recreation area. The intent of Congress in 1980, when the primitive Rattlesnake recreation area and wilderness was passed was preservation and enhancement of recreation resource. This was the number one objective.

We strongly believe that we must maintain the Rattlesnake National Recreation Area as it was intended by Congress, that is keeping it in a assigned MA designation in the New Forest Plan. All the standards in the 1986 LNF Plan should remain in the revised plan of today, which clearly states that no roads be built and no commercial logging be allowed and we must keep the trail head as a unique character as it was in 1986 and before. Please keep RNRA in its own assigned MA just like the wilderness area is in its own MA. We must preserve the natural character so that our future generations can see how we entered and used the Rattlesnake.

Thank you for your considerations.

Yours on Wilderness Trails,

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