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Comments: [External Email]Comments for preliminary changes and the proposed actions for the revised Lolo NF Plan.

Items I recommend be included in the Final Lolo Forest Plan -

1. A procedure for monitoring stream bank stability and predicting the future stability affected by management of the watershed and a threshold goal. A study and research publication in the seventies showed that the water yield cannot be increased beyond 10% and still have stable stream banks. It worked on the Plains RD. where I was DR., 1972 - 1977.

2. Establish limits for the amount of mechanized vehicle activity in areas and seasons of importance to various wildlife species that are scarce or threatened. This is especially important in areas where habitat is limited for important wildlife species. Recognize the difference between people walking or using various mechanized vehicles and the effect on habitat. Plus compacted snow provides ways for predators to easily move around in the winter.

3. Establish ways to protect habitat important to the future of Grizzly Bears and other threatened wildlife species. Provide for corridors for future Grizzly bear movement between Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks. The Big Burn Area being managed as a roadless area is a good example of thinking ahead and protecting an area that can help provide part of the proposed corridor. Meanwhile it contributes to other listed wildlife species.

4. Provide for trails limited to humans or horses walking. This will contribute to healthy humans and less gasoline or electricity being used. It would also contribute to less global warming.