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Comments: Thank you for allowing us interested parties to comment on your proposed plans for CARLA.

The Tribal Collaboration should include identifying and protecting the wildlife corridor/migration zone that comes down Evans Creek to the Carbon River and up the other side. THIS IS THE LAST VIABLE CORRIDOR THAT RUNS NORTH TO SOUTH ON THE WEST SIDE OF MT.RAINIER. It is precious and valuable and no one is recognizing it. Examining the topography and building developments in the area would clearly illustrate this.

In enhancing the development of forest habitats: HAS THERE BEEN A COMPLETE SPECIES STUDY? To protect wildlife habitat, it seems we should know what wildlife/species are there. You've listed a few, but there are many more on the state and federal threatened and endangered list. Tailed frog, Van Dyke Salamander, the Pacific yellow Cedar and the Yew trees. There are several kinds of owls , spruce grouse, quail, etc. there also.

Also in consideration of forest (tree farm) habitats, you should recognize that the single-seed stock of the tree farms are causing the spread of pests and root diseases. Changing climate will only enhance this. All the "treatments" (I wish you'd call it logging) will only dry out the tree farms and make them more susceptible to fires and diseases. Bark beetles and laminated root rot is already killing large portions of tree farms in our valley. Naturally regenerated forests actually repel fires and diseases. But our valley is all tree farms.

In promoting responsible recreation: The need is greater than ever with the National Park doing reservation entrances. We already have a huge increase in visitors. Closing off the dispersed camping along the Carbon at the 7810 bridge would cut off a large area that people have enjoyed for decades. The Forest Service should set up campsites, fire pits, parking , and garbage receptacles. They should be managed as many other areas in the Forest Service areas are. Otherwise people will be camping along the roads and spreading campfire sights and garbage over a large area. You encourage people to go out to the forest with radio and tv and huge billboards, spending a lot of money on those things. But where will they go in the Carbon????? Reintroduction of beaver is amazing and wonderful. There were huge beaver dams on the Carbon still 50 years ago.

Transportation System: The road from Evans Creek ORV Campground was closed for a very good reason and should NEVER be reopened for vehicle traffic of any kind. Off-roaders cut the switch-backs and caused a major mudslide that went through The Thompsons property and all the way to the river.

And I cannot believe that making a new road from the CCC or the FS7710 would be cheaper than fixing the Coplay (7810) bridge. It could be dredged beneath it. They dredge the harbor in Tacoma waterfront certain times of the year.

Of course the big question this week becomes the O'Farrell/Fairfax Bridge with the new weight restrictions. On this day, the new info says 8 tons. But they haven't officially posted that so it may change. Someday it may just be a foot bridge.

Coplay/Summit: There should be no reason to rebuild the trail from Coplay to Summit Trailhead, it is a beautiful walk with great vistas to look out on if you walk up the road. Gate it at the Lake and make a good parking area.

Tolmie Creek Trail: This should never be improved enough for vehicles of any kind!!!

We have a big problem with ORVs driving on the state highway and the forest service roads where they are not allowed. They speed, pass in the canyon, and trespass. Anything that could discourage this would be appreciated. Signage, enforcement, etc. That would improve safety

Also, the target shooting is an ongoing and dangerous problem. The landowners need to be more pro-active

about this, along with signage and enforcement. It is not conducive to a pleasant visitor experience to hear gunshots all day.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my remarks.