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Comments: Hello Amanda,

Yet again, while visiting trails heads yesterday, I did not encounter a single person who knew about the Forest Service's intended project for the above area. People were both shocked and upset to learn of FS's intent. Great aggrieved that they hadn't had the opportunity to respond.

If no one knows about this project, how can they offer their feedback? One can not help but wonder if our replies even matter. I believe, as do all those we've encountered on our treks and in our talks, that it would be appropriate and more than a fair ask, that the Forest Service kindly extend the window for public response. Furthermore, to invite that feedback by posting information about the project at trail heads.

I/we must note again, the destruction of 8,000 acres of unspoiled habitat, particularly in that location, beggars the imagination. The Reservoir & creek, as you know, are surrounded by forest - the area in question travels away from the watershed and creek to our backyard. Unless the forest around the lake and the creek is 'thoroughly husked' there is no true protection. This seems to most, an exercise in futility.

Why is it being so earnestly pursued? Who really benefits from this?

Kindly note, that any 'earnest' dialogue is not directed at you; it stems from the deeply rooted passion for - the need to protect - our wildlife interface (our backyard,/the public's land) which can never be as it was before if these plans are carried out. How can it convalesce after such a catastrophic injury? This land and ecosystem can not speak for itself, so please let others speak for it.

Kindly submit these remarks.

Most Sincerely,

K. Voulkos