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Comments: The Ripely project is located on historical logging land, the area has had timber harvested from it since the early 1900's. In its current state it has Federal lands mixed with private land, the federal land needs forest management to help reduce the potential of wildfire that will not only damage the forest, but the homes located on private land located within the project boundaries. During the treatment process, roads will be re-opened or created, recreating on some of these roads could provide an opportunity.

The Libby area has a growing recreation base; part of this recreational activity includes Off Highway Vehicles (OHV's). Given the road density in the Ripley Project area, it would be a real benefit to the Libby area if portions of the roads in the area could be developed and designated for OHV's use only. Having such a facility would be a significant recreational draw to the Libby area.

Please consider OHV tracks in a portion of the Ripley Project. There are numerous interested parties that will voluntarily assist in design, maintenance and operation of an OHV park.