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Comments: I write today to express my support for this project. I am an off-road motorcycle enthusiast who regularly rides on trails in North Idaho. Having recently ridden the trails in Giant White Pine Area, I have witnessed the need for salvage in the burn area. I was glad to see that recreation is identified as a priority in this project. I fully support the reroute and bridge replacement proposed in this project.

As you are well aware, trails in burn areas are highly susceptible to damage from runoff that is increased when vegetation is reduced in the area. I would highly recommend that trails in the project area are inspected for opportunities to improve drainage. This would include replacing wooden water bars with rolling dips or grade reversals. Wooden water bars require regular maintenance, are prone to failure, are hazardous to cross when wet, and can cause tire damage to motorcycles and mountain bikes. Rolling dips and grade reversals are more effective than wooden water bars, and do not introduce artificial hazards to the trail surface. Grade reversals are the most reliable drainage structure, however I do realize that they do require trail reroutes and may be more costly to implement. Idaho Parks and Recreation can provide support for trail work through their grant programs and Trail Ranger program. For more information on implementing rolling dips and grade reversals I recommend reviewing the publication "Great Trails: Providing Quality OHV Trails and Experiences" from the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council at www.nohvcc.org.

While monitoring the trail conditions in the area, I would also recommend that the Forest Service examine the switchbacks on trail #228 near the Giant White Pine Campground. A few of the switchbacks have a narrow turn radius that is not appropriate for motorized use, which has caused tread and resource impacts. These switchbacks should be reworked or rerouted to increase the turn radius to reduce impacts.

I fully support the proposed increase in parking at the White Pine Campground, and have witnessed the need for this expansion. I would also recommend that the Forest Service seek an RV Grant from Idaho Parks and Recreation to expand the campground, and rework the camp spots to allow for more modern sized RVs. The current camp spots are not large enough for the size of RVs currently on the market.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. I would be interested in providing volunteer support to clear trail, work on drainage, or other needs in the area should that be of interest to the Forest Service.