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Dear Government Agency:

As a pilot that has been flying the northwest over 40 years I would like to offer my input towards the pending changes in definitions and rules that you are considering.

Not being a lawyer or a wordsmith I would just ask that you NOT restrict the improvement and/or maintainance of landing strips by adding language that keeps required equipment or machinery out of the land.

These strips don't just provide recreation! They are sometimes critical for fire fighting efforts, emergency and life-saving operations, wildlife management and law enforcement activity that benefits all U.S. Citizens!

Wilderness is great...but finding the balance of how to use it and what activity actually protects it is a challenge. Let's not be short-sighted by restricting such a functional and useful activity that actually supports so many critical things...including YOUR ability to get into forests and properly manage them.

The Bush pilot activity has a tiny environmental impact and when weighed against the upside benefits makes it clear that protecting landing strips is common sense.

Thank you for listening! Please consider my input.

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