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Subject: Objection regarding the revised Colville forest plan.

Hello,

This is Justin Hedrick.

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I am writing in regards to my objections to the revised Colville forest plan. In this plan it calls for vast amounts of wilderness areas scattered throughout the forest. As I wrote in the comment period of the plan, we absolutely can not support, justify, or accept wilderness areas in our local forest or communities. If this plan is accepted the way it is now written we will have lost a substantial amount of resources. Wilderness will end our grazing allotments and put our ranchers out of business in which they have worked for generations to build. Wilderness will also take huge amounts of Harvestable timberland out of production forever. Wilderness also does not allow our fire crews to effectively fight fire. Causing more economic damage to our communities. I am objecting to any new wilderness areas in our local forest. We already have many wilderness areas in our state and they have all driven the cattle industry and timber industry out of those areas. We cannot afford to have wilderness areas happen in this forest. Wilderness also is contradictory to be here Forests Services Mission Statement.

I am also objecting to the stubble height requirements. We currently have a 4 inch stubble in our annual operators from. And with this requirement things are improving more every year. So why do we need to have a greater stubble height requirement and more restrictive language incorporated into the new plan, which will also put an end to all grazing on the Colville National Forest. We have Ranchers here that have been grazing the same allotments for 75 to over 100 years. That doesn't happen when allotment holders abuse the land, and this new plan will put an end to it. We are here the preserve and protect our forest and our rights we have to the land. If these items are allowed to be incorporated into our Forest it will impact these local communities by taking millions of dollars out of our economies every year.

This revised Forest plan states it will manage for a condition, which is wrong, we should be managing for a product.