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Forest service and to whome it may concern.

My name is Nolan Heaps, I grew up in Ucon idaho, and have been a paraglider pilot for 13 years now. King mountain has always been a special place for me my family and friends. Flying the king mountan site, with its easy access, landing sites and gatherings that happen there are important to the flying community. I worked for the idaho falls BLM and on Swan valley helitack from 2009 to 2017 fighting wildfires. I have loved working fires and serving this community. I have even fought a fire right by the launch sited. I love this mountain and what it has to offer. I would love to see the land protected, but not shut down our access to launch and the airspace above the range. The road and sites could be managed by volunteers in the flying community with guidance from the FS. There are lots of pilots that live right at the base of king as well that could watch over it and put letters out for meeting times and group projects in conjunction with the Forest service to maintain and make king mountain even better without taking those historical flying sites away from so many people that love it. I would personally volunteer my time and efforts to gather people from all over the US that love that site to help protect and maintain it. I loved my time in the Forest Service and love king mountain and the amazing flying potential it has to offer. I feel we can come to a middle ground on this dilemma and help satisfy both parties.