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Comments:

Free flight has minimal environmental impact, similar to hiking, to the surrounding area. It would be fantastic to preserve King Mountain and allow those like me who enjoy the outdoors from above.

King Mountain is a historic hang gliding site that has been in consistent use since the sport's inception. It hosted the national championships for many years and continues to draw pilots from all over the world. Maintaining access to launch is critical. The Forest Service constructed and maintains the current road to launch, so they already recognize the site's importance to hang gliding and paragliding. Hang gliding has created a significant positive economic impact to Butte County, one of the poorest counties in Idaho. The local community embraces hang gliding and sees an increase in business due to pilot visitors who visit the area each year.