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Greetings,

To the officials of the Forest Service for whom it has been designated to determine the merits of the Salmon-Challis Forest Plan Revision #49464.

I would like to make comment for your consideration as it affects the area specifically related to activities at King Mountain: I am all for preserving as much as possible undisturbed lands for wildlife and scenic values and to have those lands available for public use with limitations. As per the King Mountain area; Yes, i am a Hang Glider pilot and would very much like to see the King Mountain launch site remain as it is for present and future generations. You may see this as a hypocritical point of view but i would like point out that as a "flying Site" The impact on the area is minimal, restricted to roads that already exist and that are currently in use, launch areas that use a minimum of acreage, and a minimum of acreage within the "Range" as a whole.

To this i would like to add that as public lands for recreational use have become more restrictive and limited in scope, we as foot launch pilots are losing more and more flying sites (which are very limited in scope to begin with as per the very specific requirements needed for a foot launch flying site) in the public domain and are being pressed more and more to seek flying sites from private property owners from whom it has become increasingly difficult to acquire access "permission" from. & even with access to public lands to launch from, in most cases if not all it still requires the assistance of private land owners - for or access to - designated "Landing" sites which only further complicates and restricts site access & use for our flying activities and a sport we cherish.

We do not have an extremely large amount of funds or commercial interests to lobby for our sport. Nor do we generate Millions of dollars to the state with licensing and product sales as other recreational activities do. But neither do our activities demand anywhere near the land use of these other activities. Nor do we as pilots negatively impact the land we use to the extent of other activities.

Our impact on public lands is "Very" limited and as per the the area in and around King Mountain that we "Need" to fly, it is small, already in use for this activity requiring no further infrastructure or development and is unique to our

specific requirements to pursue our Love of flying.

In this regard I would request your reconsideration in the condemning of the King Mountain Launch Site as part of Salmon-Challis Forest Plan Revision #49464.

Sincerely, Mark Wheeler - Hang Glider Pilot