

# *Colville National Forest*

## *Land & Resource Management Plan Revision*



# Forest Plan Purpose

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Provide high-level guidance for management of National Forest system lands

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– 15-year strategic document providing land management direction by guiding programs, practices, uses, and projects

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– Designates management areas allocating zones of the forest for different activities

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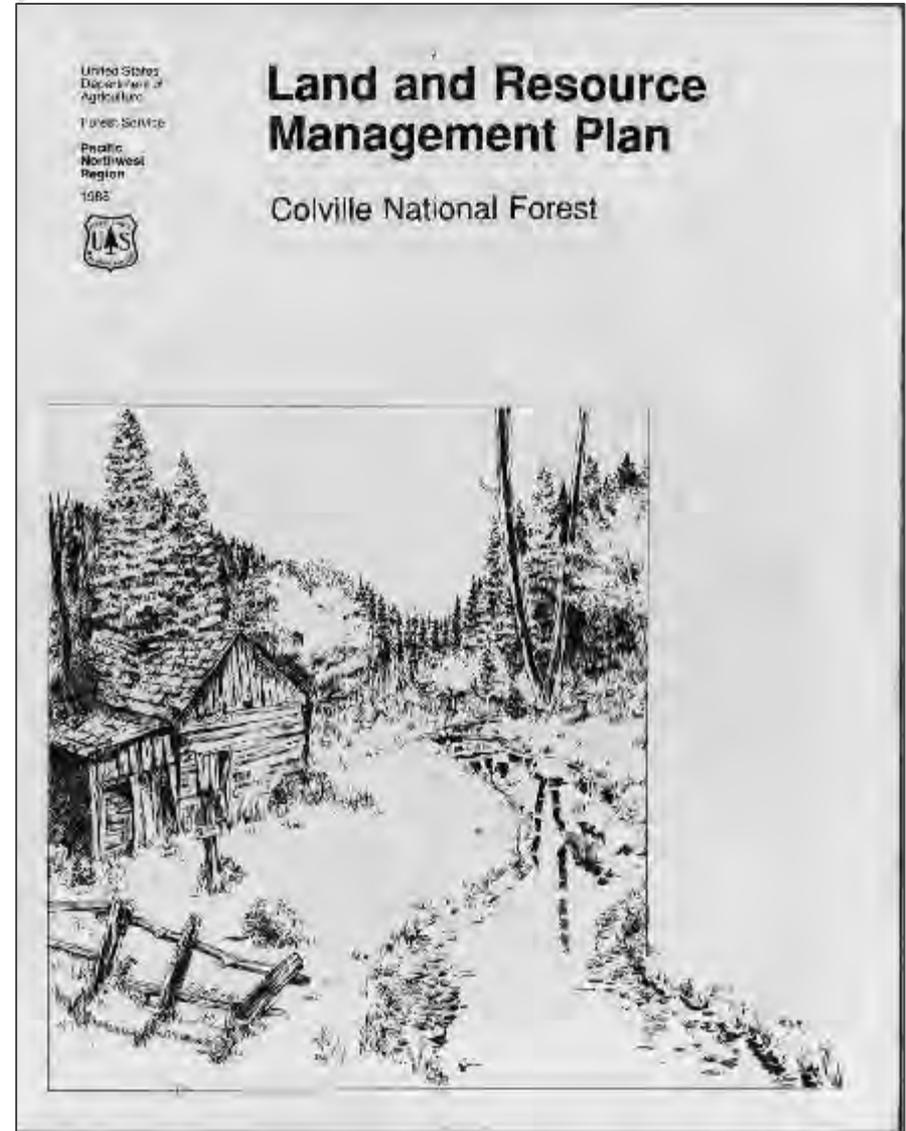
– Designates suitability of areas for various uses

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# Need for Change (why are we doing this?)

Currently following a  
land management plan  
signed in 1988

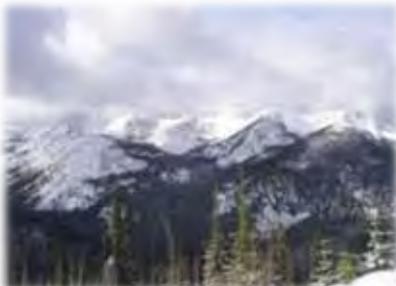
Includes 40 Forest  
Plan Amendments



# Key Issues for Alternative Development

Analysis of public concerns and resource issues produced 6 issues for development & comparison of alternatives

1. Old Forest (Late Successional) Management & Timber Production
2. Motorized Recreation Trails
3. Access (FS roads)
4. Recommended Wilderness Areas
5. Wildlife Habitat
6. Riparian & Aquatic Resource Management



# Key Points

## Riparian Management Area:

The following alternatives have direction for no net increase in road miles in key watersheds:  
Proposed Action, R, B & P



## Wildlife Habitat:

All alternatives incorporate:

Interagency direction for woodland caribou, grizzly bear, Canada lynx and bull trout habitat

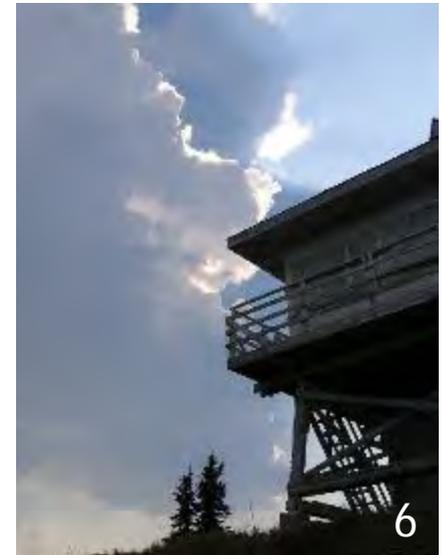
Management direction for big game and birds

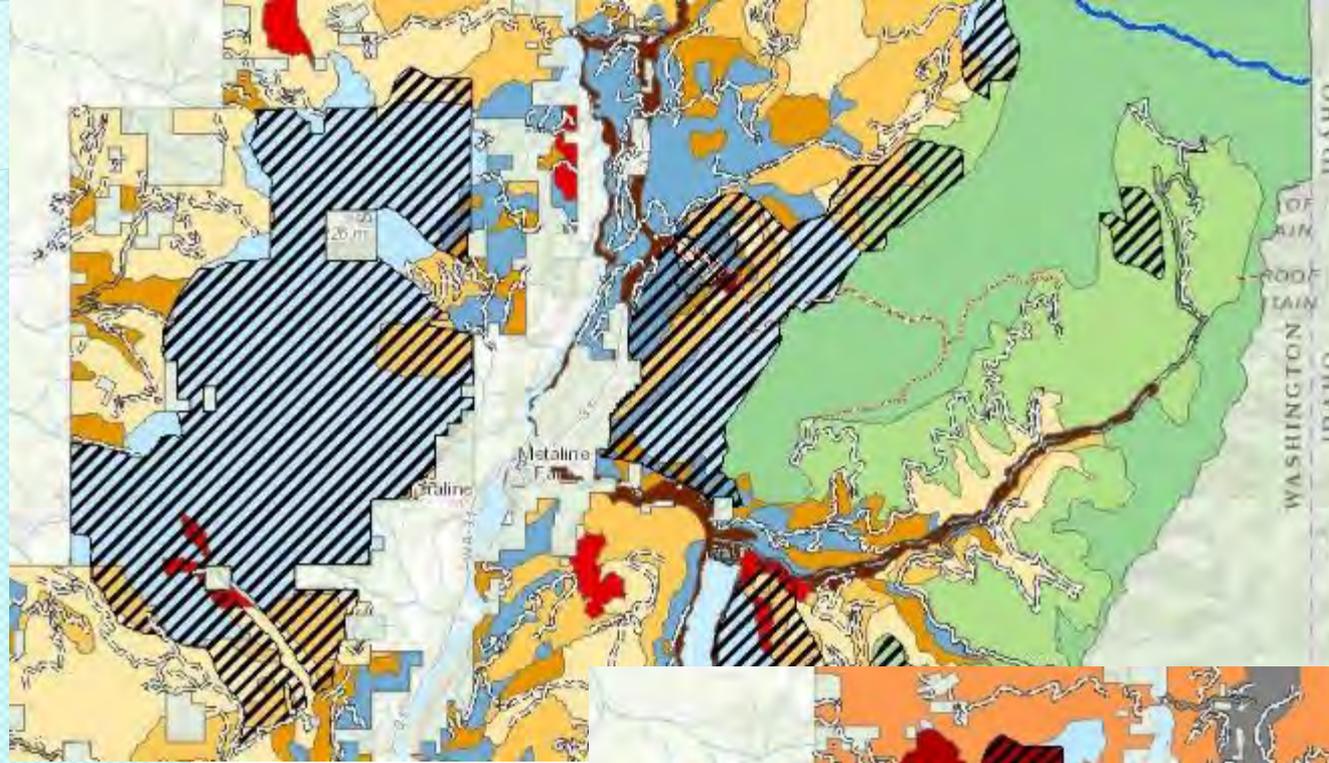


# What the Forest Plan cannot change:

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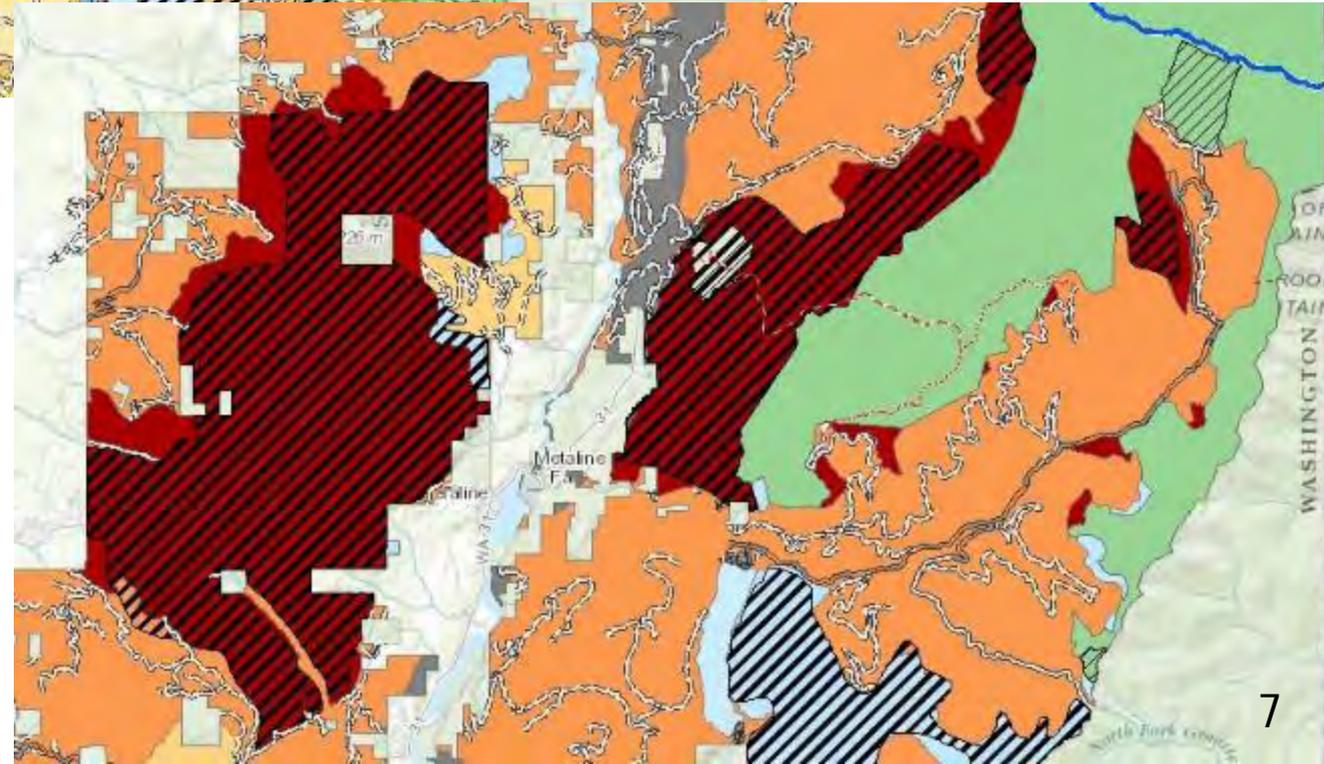
- ✓ **Boundary for designated wilderness (Salmo-Priest)**
- ✓ **Inventoried Roadless Area boundaries (designated in 2001)**
- ✓ **Any existing law, regulation or policy**
- ✓ **Management plans or direction related to other ownerships**





Current (1988)  
plan

Alternative P  
(preferred  
alt.)



# Motorized Recreational Uses

Currently designated motor vehicle routes

- Direction for motorized use varies between alternatives
- Recommended wilderness

Alternative	Acres	Existing uses continue?	Change to miles of trail currently designated for motor vehicle use
No Action	0		0
Proposed Action	101,400	yes	0
B	220,300	no	-39
O	15,900	yes	0
R	207,800	no	-39
P	68,300	yes	0

# Motorized Recreational Uses

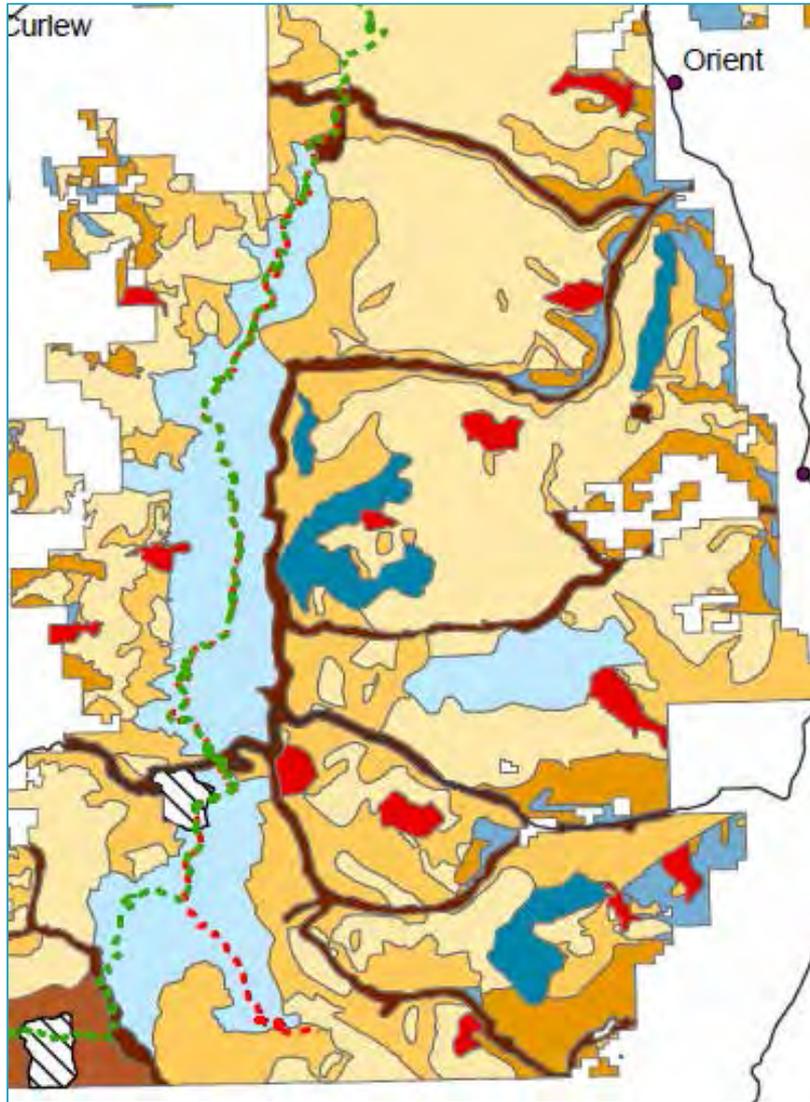
The amount (percent) of the Colville National Forest where roads, trails and areas *may* be designated for motor vehicle use (suitable for motorized recreation)

This excludes areas designated as:

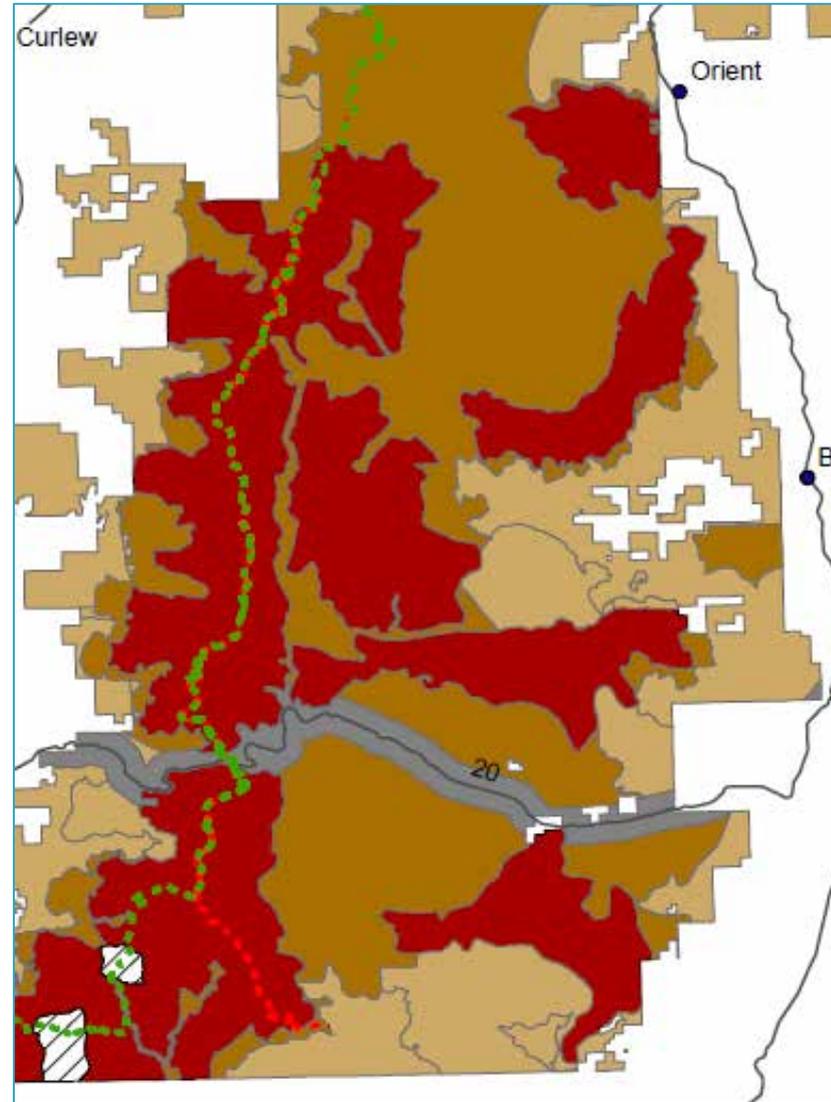
- Backcountry (non-motorized),
- Research natural areas,
- Recommended wilderness and
- Wilderness

No Action	82%
Proposed Action	79%
B	75%
O	78%
R	76%
P	79%

# No Action

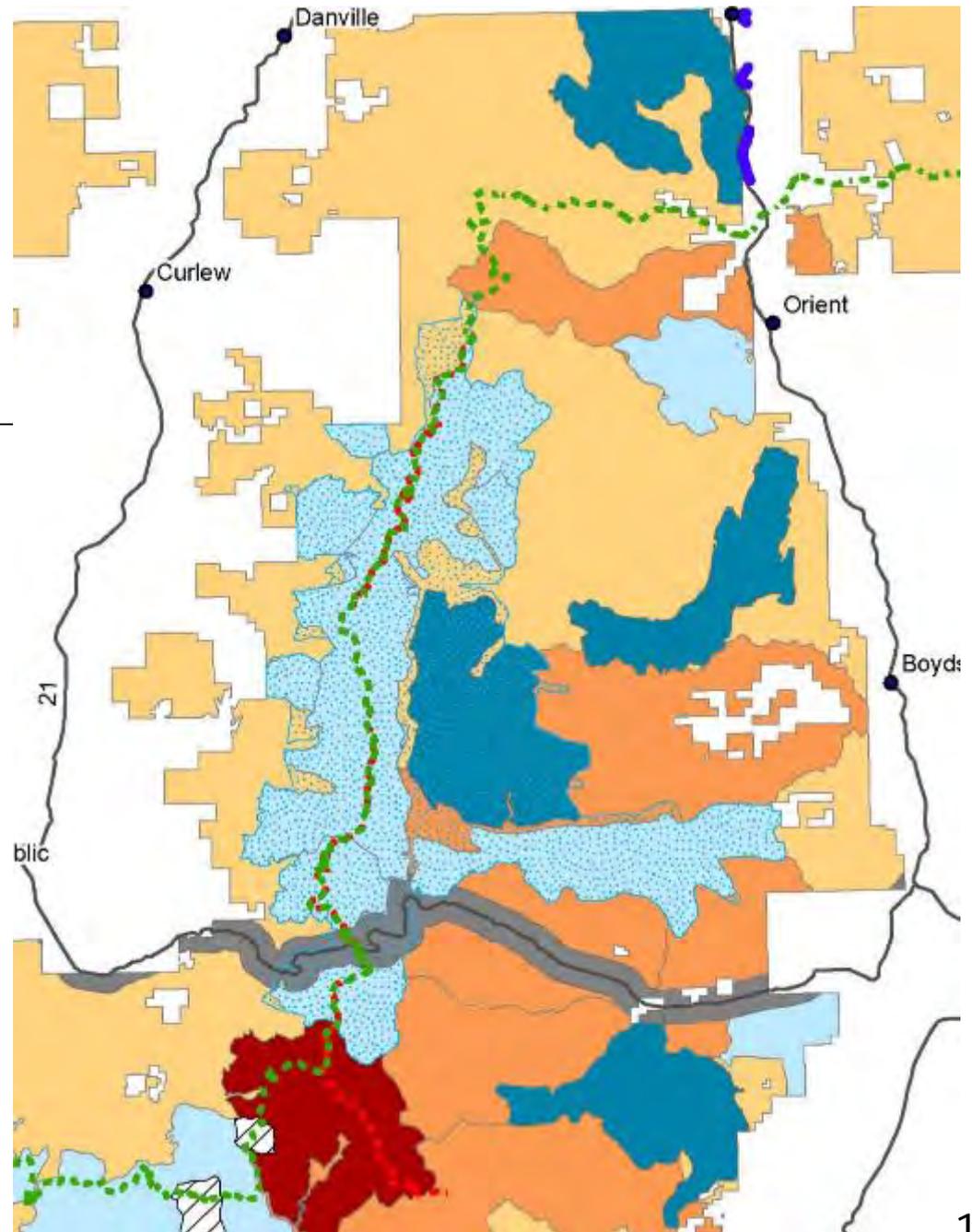


# Alternative B



# Recreation Special Interest Area

Included in Alternatives  
O and P





## *Discussion and Questions*