

Coeur d'Alene GA Meeting in Silverton, ID
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Revision Topic	Number of Sticker Dots	June 2003 Comments
Access & Rec	127	Strong concern of closing off access to National Forest System lands. For example, by Forest Service definition, first a road that is open for road vehicles is closed and changed to a motorized trail excluding road vehicles and then sometimes it's closed to ATV's and open to motorcycles. Forest Service needs to explain why.
Access & Rec	62	Concern about roads and access for firewood cutting, recreation, hunting etc.
Access & Rec	36	People want more motorized opportunities.
Access & Rec	36	Who makes the decisions on what roads/trails are close? What is the process?
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Access & Rec	27	Loss of access due to road obliteration.
Access & Rec	24	Decomissioning roads are used to keep people out. Where does the decision come from?
Access & Rec	16	Older Americans concern about their need to drive because they can't walk as far for personal use, huckleberry picking, etc.
Access & Rec	15	100% no road closures for anything
Timber	15	Guarantee for more timber outputs for stability of mills.
Wildlife	9	Concerned about the effect of science on grizzly and lynx and it's affect on decision in the new Forest Plans.
Access & Rec	7	Want more places to go for solitude
Access & Rec	7	There are "some areas" where non-motorized and motorized are compatible (ie. Snowmobile/cross country skiing). Doesn't have to be a conflict
Access & Rec	7	Where's the scientific data to support obliteration of raods?
Access & Rec	7	Review opening closed roads to provide for disabled etc. access
Timber	7	Timber production helps reduce fire buildup/hazard. Why not use it as a tool for land management and it will also help sustain the economy of the communities?
Access & Rec	6	Study needs to be done on damage to the resource by ATV's vs. horses and which has more impact as far as weed spread.
Vegetation	6	More management of the ecosystems to make and keep them healthy but don't lock us out - utilize our tools - fire and logging/thinning.
Fire Risk	4	Use fire as a tool for land management, prescribed fire so we don't have these catastrophic fires.
Timber	4	Do not revise plan to allow massive logging of our National Forests which belong to all Americans to enjoy & have as our heritage, keeps our country beautiful, abundant wildlife & fish & birds, timber reserves
Fire Risk	3	Reducing fire hazard/build-up needs to be addressed in forest plan revision.
Fire Risk	3	Do not use fear tactics of fire risks to allow massive cutting of trees in our National Forests (which belong to all Americans) (Most fires are human-caused - should be stiiff criminal penalties for deliberting starting fires)

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Timber	3	Minimize clearcuts - cause erosion, dry out forest & result in less water in rivers & lakes, damage to streams, more wind, destroys home of wildlife, birds
Access & Rec	2	People want more non-motorized opportunities
Access & Rec	2	What about seasonal access?
Access & Rec	2	Some areas of forest need to be kept closed to public - too much use of forest causes damage to vegetation, wildlife & most fires are human caused
Access & Rec	2	Concentration of people causes impacts to wildlife (ie. The number of recreationists at some high mountain lakes in the Selkirk Mtns. Driving away the caribou.)
Wildlife	2	Skeptical of the new science - What is new science
Access & Rec	1	Provide 4x4 (Full size) high clearance roads/trails
Access & Rec	1	Damage to the resource by motorized activities
Access & Rec	1	Want children/grandchildren to be able to access the areas you can
Access & Rec	1	Picking huckleberries is also a resource
Access & Rec	1	Roads are being closed without public involvement
Access & Rec	1	Re-evaluate why roads were closed in previous plan
Access & Rec	1	Do our concerns really matter when the decisions are made? Show us How!
Access & Rec	1	We need to know that our ISSUES COUNT!
Access & Rec	1	Economic opportunities being lost because of closures in area that need economic stimulus. ATV rentals, hunt/fish guides
Access & Rec	1	What percentage of the people that are using the forest is based on increases in the population base and what percentage is based on technology?
Access & Rec	1	Open more roads for public access. Keep roads open.
Access & Rec	1	Roads should stay open for multiple use
Access & Rec	1	Not limiting to trails and roads only. Keep all forest open and work to take care of problems 'on' the ground.
Access & Rec	1	Is technology the only reason for more impact, broader spread, and more intense impact on the land?
Access & Rec	1	Education: For parents & children for environmental care of trail & road system.
Fire Risk	1	When are we going to address the Wildlands Fire Policy?
Fire Risk	1	Should have never stopped logging
Fire Risk	1	USFS needs non-Government voice to apply comments - Local voice
Other Issues	1	Local people who are impacted most by F.S. decisions should have more say in those decisions than non-locals
Other Issues	1	Establish a mine working group
Other Issues	1	Establish /designate a mining/recreation area - Historic District aspect - Would ease time constraints
Timber	1	Give incentive to industry to better utilize what we are already cutting - this will produce more jobs as well.

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Timber	1	We need to reach a "Break even" point where we are renewing as fast or faster than we are losing timber (harvest, disease, fire).
Vegetation	1	Noxious weeds have sky rocketed on federal lands.
Vegetation	1	Want aerial spray noxious weeds
Vegetation	1	Noxious weeds seemed to have taken over x 2 - need more aggressive approach
Vegetation	1	Aerial spray of noxious does not work as well as pack or ATV spray
Vegetation	1	Need more books available to public on noxious weeds
Vegetation	1	Aerial spray - beware of damage to humans, animals and water - we depend too much on sprays - search alternative ways to control
Vegetation	1	Weed program has been allowed to take backseat to timber management.
Vegetation	1	Do not destroy & pluck out all natural shrubs when replant trees - leave shrubs there
Vegetation	1	Humans need to pack it in and pack it out
Vegetation	1	Keep diversity of indigenous vegetation
Vegetation	1	How do we get rid of the brush - compared to Montana & Southern Idaho - we have so much
Vegetation	1	Firewood a resource - need to allow firewood gathering as trees die - close areas during hunting season
Vegetation	1	Problem with ATV's off trails & damaging vegetation
Vegetation	1	Underburning not very effective - too hot & killing trees
Vegetation	1	Some of older burns - burned too hot - now just shiny leaf
Vegetation	1	No answer yet to renewing resources we are using
Vegetation	1	Need to get forests healthy and ready to log in future years.
Vegetation	1	The health of the forest is the most important thing
Water/Fish	1	OK to reclaim new roads (ie temp roads for logging)
Water/Fish	1	Don't take away access without good reason
Wildlife	1	Better coordination between Forest Service./BLM/State in order to maintain integrity of wildlife corridors (i.e. Timber Sales)
Wildlife	1	How will the Grizzly Bear amendment be affected by forest plan revision? How will the amendment affect decisions in the new Forest Plans?
Wildlife	1	How will the Endangered Species Act affect decisions in the new Forest Plans?
Wildlife	1	Scientific studies are ambigious (Grizzly bear, Lynx and UCRB)
Wildlife	1	Are endangered species really "endangered"? Inconsistant management across North America seems to make this point confusing - ex. Lynx in Canada vs.U.S.
Wildlife	1	The amount of roads on the Cd'A does not impact elk population - they are healthier than ever
Wildlife	1	In many years of hunting Lions in Eagle/Prichard/Shoshone/Steamboat we have never encountered a Lynx - why is it an Lynx Analysis Unit?

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Wildlife	1	Who determines the best science that is available and what will we use in revision?
Wildlife	1	Concerned that clearcuts & overlogging destroy habitat of many animals; also new method of uprooting all shrubs before replanting destroys many valuable types of vegetation used by animals & humans.

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