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James Peña, Regional Forester
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Dear Mr. Peña:

The Pend Oreille County Board of Commissioners has a duty and obligation to the people we serve to protect the local tax base and the value of private property, promote economic stability, advance the customs, culture and heritage of the county, and provide for future generations. Attached is the substantive comments submitted to the Forest Service regarding the Forest Plan Revision.

We, the Board of County Commissioners have addressed the following:

- We are opposed to additional potential Wilderness in the county.
- We require no net loss of existing roads and request roads be open to off highway vehicles.
- We support forest management including timber sales and salvage in wildfire areas.
- We support grazing and request a revision to riparian standards
- We require recreation opportunities that protect valid existing rights of mining and grazing, that loop trails for motorized travel, and that provide access for aged and disabled.

We appreciate you taking the time to understand the uniqueness of Pend Oreille County.

Sincerely,

PEND OREILLE COUNTY
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For Karen Skoog, Chair

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Mike Manus, Member