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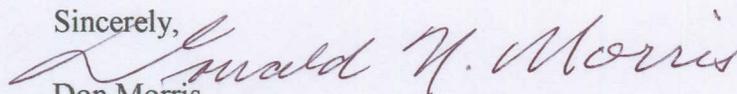
I am a lifelong hunter and fisherman. While there is very little in the plan revision that I like there are two parts I find completely unacceptable:

1. **The huge expansion of off-road vehicle use is incredibly misguided.** As a private landowner in Pennsylvania until 2002, I managed several hundred acres of prime timber lands. Throughout our county the abuses committed by off-roaders were a major problem for hunters, landowners and law enforcement. The damage to wetlands, streams, fencing was extensive and getting worse at the time I left the state. In addition, the off-roaders' lawlessness was complicated by the fact that many were armed. Having deal<sup>to</sup> with an armed off-roader trespassing and damaging property is pretty scary, even with my .270 slung on my shoulder. Unarmed local forest service personnel were fearful of confronting these yahoos in the state forest lands. Only the Game Officers who were armed and the State Police were able to apprehend them. More than one day of hunting and other outdoor recreation was ruined for us because of their noise and destructive antics. All the reports I get here in Jackson county, echo the same problems only on a much larger scale. Managing the huge areas designated in WOPR for off- road use cannot possibly be done without an extensive dedicated armed police force which, of course, is impractical.

2. **Diminishing the size of the buffer zone around streams is bad science and bad policy.** This not only bugs me as an angler but the damage to the fish habitat is compounded by the overall reduction in water quality and the warming that such action would cause. And this at a time when climate change is likely to adversely affect our Northwest waters.

Please, stop this madness and let's go back to the original plan, which while not perfect, at least the provided a good compromise for all interested parties.

Sincerely,

  
Don Morris