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Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Our computer is being repaired, hence the paper & pen.

My concern about the WOPR centers on possible changes to logging along streams. We live close to Howard Prairie Lake & I notice that 2 pairs of bald eagles live on the lake and the osprey are wisely a distance away. There must be enough trees alongside a stream to accomodate all the creatures who will rely on that stream for food & whose presence will keep it a living organism.

On a potential off-highway vehicle site at "East Howard", here are my concerns. This area is free of snow usually in June, July, Aug, Sept & parts of Oct - months that in drought years (most of the 1990's) were also high fire months. There is little fire protection here. There are already small "Camping" areas on the east side of Howard Prairie with the problems of erosion, litter, human sewage, and of course fire. There have also been complaints of shooting in the Hoxie Creek area. Public campgrounds exist & their use should be encouraged. Many people walk the trail between Grizzly Campground, Howard Prairie Resort, & Willow Glen Campground - an appropriate activity that does not

seem to interfere with the grazing cattle & the other wildlife. There are often elk on the east side of Howard - and I'm sure their predators - and that's something to protect.

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