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## Re: NPRA RMS

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Fri, Mar 11, 2016 at 12:02 PM

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Nix that. I'll just provide my comment below. Please let me know if I should send it somewhere else. Thanks much.

The projects in the northeast NPR-A will have an unavoidable impact that cannot be adequately mitigated or minimized on recreation in the area. This is separate from subsistence by nearby residents. This impact will be felt by people living inside and outside the proposed RMS boundary who use the area for hiking, paddling, skiing, snowmachining, hunting, fishing, and more.

No adequate solution exists for this impact. Nonetheless, a good effort might be to develop opportunities for recreation in nearby pristine areas. These efforts could be in the form of trail and campground development, proactively communicating recreational opportunities, ensuring permanent protection of other land that is valuable for recreation, and more.

A separate issue: When considering the boundary for the RMS, BLM should not forget about the global impact of climate change. This boundary issue might be difficult to incorporate into the RMS and might be opposed by some of the vocal participants in the RMS's development, but it is of paramount importance.

On Fri, Mar 11, 2016 at 10:43 AM, Mark Billingsley <

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