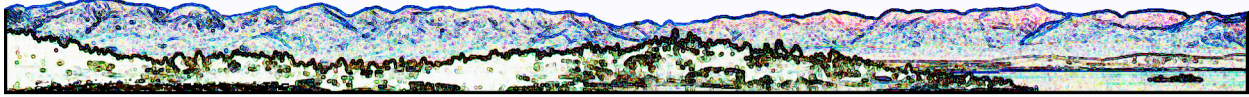


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Re: Desired future condition for Krause Basin in Revised Forest Plan

Dear Supervisor Weber;

We are pleased to find the following paragraph regarding Krause Basin on page 19 of the Reviewing Officer's Response to Objections over the revised Flathead Forest Plan:

Another option to resolve objectors' concerns over unauthorized motor vehicle use and address their desire for the area to be non-motorized would be to remove the desired condition for existing trails to provide summer wheeled motorized trail experience and motorized winter recreation opportunities close to local communities. A suitability plan component could be added indicating the area is not suitable for motor vehicle use.

We ask that you incorporate this option into your final Decision on the revised Forest Plan in order to resolve this controversy and return some peace and quiet to Krause Basin and its neighboring community. This would also avoid the potential of a lawsuit over marking these trails on-the-ground for motorized use, which is prohibited by the 1988 Noisy Face Recreation Plan.

As we made clear to Swan Lake District Ranger Chris Dowling during our field tour of Krause Basin on August 10, Swan View Coalition stands ready to assist in the maintenance of these old trails for non-motorized uses. We would most certainly prefer to cooperate in management of Krause Basin than be at odds with one another. We hope you feel the same way.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized.

Keith J. Hammer  
Chair

Cc: Swan Lake District Ranger Chris Dowling