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I live in the Lower Peninsula of Michigan and own Property in the U.P. I can see that this New Plan is going to be complicated. One of the biggest issues I can see is that this may be a large blanket plan that does not take into consideration the different needs in different areas. I have also found in the past that the Local Forest Service Management may have their own idea's(personal) on what to do with Public Land.

As a person who participates in Fishing, Hunting, ORV use, snowmobiling, hiking, sightseeing, etc. ,I hope a plan can be made up that improve my experience and that of others who may enjoy other things also.

I have been traveling to the U.P. (Sidnaw Area -Ottawa N.F.) for over 50 years and I have never seen the wildlife in as low of numbers. Fishing is in pretty bad shape, deer populations are down, water levels are extremely low, local business's are failing due to low tourism.

A new balance needs to be met, both the guy on the skidder or an ATV and the guy eating his granola bar wandering in the woods to find himself, they need to compromise and find a solution that serves all and doesn't cost a fortune to implement, enforce, or maintain and all parties need to respect the other.

I believe a more local approach is needed instead of a large Federal blanket. For example Wolves in the U.P.,(I personally have no issue other than human safety,) I have yet to speak with any residents living in the Sidnaw area (or most of the U.P.) that want wolves in their back yards (literally), Un yet someone elsewhere ,New York, Washington, Hollywood, thinks they should. Those people will never be in the U.P., never deer hunt, worry about their children or a pet's safety. A wolf or two transplanted in Central Park might change their thoughts. This is why a more local approach should be taken. Those who live in the big cities should look at their environment and clean that up.

I guess in a nutshell, Balance for all the diverse uses of a National Forest that belongs to all but respects the people that actually use the land ,live there.

If I can make it up I'd like to participate. I'm a big fan of the NFS and would like to see it improved and have it watch over "OUR LAND" not 'it's land.

Thanks Again
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