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You may comment on any parts of the DEIS and PLRMP. The following topics will help you focus your comments and help us to better respond to your comments. You do not have to fill in every section in order to comment. At the end of the form, you will find a place to comment on other issues, alternatives, management direction and monitoring. Feel free to use additional pages.

Issues in the DEIS (please check the topics you are commenting on)

- ☐ Forest Vegetation ☐ Habitat Diversity ☒ Recreation
☐ Special Areas including Roadless Areas and Wilderness
☐ Other Concerns

The Proposed Plan specifically states that an increase in non-motorized recreation is not expected to occur during the planning period, yet the preferred alternative C designates more areas as remote recreation areas, which are only conducive to non-motorized recreation. There is no need or desire for an increase in the number and/or acreage of remote recreation areas.

For example, the percentage opportunity of semi-primitive non-motorized activities nearly doubles from alternative A to alternative C (34,000 acres to 60,000 acres

respectively), despite the fact that only 3% of the recreation in the Allegheny National Forest is of this type. Therefore, the Proposed Plan needs to be rescinded and revised so that a new alternative can be developed that decreases the number of remote recreation areas and replaces them with designations that accommodate motorized recreation by permitting such recreation. This would respond to public demand as articulated during the public comment phase for the draft plan. Additionally, this would enable local communities to receive the economic benefits associated with motorized recreation that are not present for non-motorized recreation.