

Chris Taggart

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Hi Chris,
Thanks for the opportunity to post comments to today's meeting.

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My Name is Peter Ransom and I live at 466 Hayes Creek Road, Hamilton, MT 59840.
9:35am, Wednesday October 23rd.

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My comments regarding keeping the gate closed for public access at the end of Hayes Creek Road.

1st I would like to point out that there is 2 other public accesses to the National Forest in this area; 1 is at Blue Jay Lane where it meets Forest Service land with plenty of places to park and far from residences, and 2nd the forest service trail head at Coyote Coulee where there is designated parking and a bathroom facility maintained by the forest service.

2nd comment is as a resident at the end of Hayes Creek Road, we already experience public loitering and trash left in the parking spot and around the road and around my property. Keeping the public from accessing this spot would help keep our area clean and free of people hanging out after dark and parting.

3rd comment is that this increased public access has created opportunities for people to trespass on my property and not only leave trash but I've caught people looking into my barn.

4th comment is the past presence of unwanted fire rings in the parking spot! As all of us remember, the Roaring Loin fire was started by an illegal camp fire gone out of control by the public in a public access. This is my biggest fear for the access point so close to residences.

Thank you for the opportunity to be heard at this meeting.

Peter Ransom