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Dear Mr. Davies:

Having reviewed the Request for Information on the Crystal Cedar Planning Area dated November 15, 2017, and the accompanying map, I am writing as a member of the North Valley Sportsman Club to express my opinion and make some requests.

First, it is my sincere hope that the management activities considered will not introduce new restrictions in the area as there are too many already. Also, that no existing roads will be restricted from motorized use. This would be detrimental to the spirit of public lands and their use.

Second, as a member of the North Valley Sportsman Club and after studying the map I was greatly surprised to realize that Parker Hill Road, our shooting range (located on State land due east of Cedar Lake), and the Teakettle Ridge are not depicted. This is very misleading to the public and could promote comments suggesting activities east of our range that would be completely unsafe to the public. I strongly urge you to amend your map showing Parker Hill Road, a graphic depicting our shooting range (there is a graphic on our webpage from Google Earth, www.nvsc.info), and the ridge line of the Teakettle Range. Please repost this for public use before the December 15th deadline.

Finally, I would strongly urge a safety danger zone (SDZ) be established from the west edge of our shooting range prohibiting introduction of any management activities. This SDZ should be cone shaped with right and left sides splayed at 30 degrees from the corners of our range heading due east until it intersects the Teakettle Range. The SDZ should extend all the way to the summit of the range. Signs should be posted along the SDZ warning off-trail hikers they are entering an active range.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns.

Respectfully,