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I have read with concern DSL's proposed management plan for the Stockade Block---particularly relating to leasing recreational resources. The net effect of leasing public lands to private individuals or entities is to remove those lands from recreational use by the general public. Taxpaying dollars support DSL as well as a variety of county, state, and federal agencies who service the Stockade Block to provide fire suppression, range management consultation, and law enforcement. Lands which are managed by and supported by public money should remain open to full use by the public.

Leasing public lands for hunting disenfranchises those members of the public with limited financial resources. Leases will be sold only to those who are wealthy---the very people who already have unlimited opportunity to purchase such leases from private landowners.

I have no objection to leasing public lands for the placement of wind farms, geothermal plants, or solar energy production. Those activities can easily be conducted while allowing public access to public lands and are viable and sustainable income producers.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

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