

Helena Lewis and Clark National Forest Plan Objection
Attention: Objection Review Officer
USDA Forest Service, Objection Reviewing Officer
Northern Region
26 Fort Missoula Road
Missoula, MT 59804

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I object to the Helena Lewis and Clark National Forest Plan for the following reasons:

I formally object to the HLCNF stating in the new Forest Plan and implementing an action of removing all motorized and mechanized use in areas they designate as recommended wilderness areas.

Statement of issues and/or parts of the plan revision to which the objection applies:

The statement of "motorized and mechanized use is not suitable in areas designated as recommended wilderness" is mentioned in numerous places in the 1000s of pages of the document.

Concise statement explaining the objection and suggesting how the proposed plan should be improved:

- The reasons for my objection are:

The previous guidance initiated by Regional Forester Thomas Tidwell of removing motorized and mechanized use in areas of recommended wilderness was superseded in a letter dated April 23, 2019, by Region 1 Regional Forester Leanne Marten. This was confirmed by a letter from Chief Christiansen to Idaho Senator Risch, Senator Crapo, Congressman Simpson, and Congressman Fulcher on August 6, 2019.

- Proposed Solution:

The language removing motorized and mechanized use in areas of recommended wilderness in the new HLCNF Plan must be removed and these uses must be allowed to continue.

Statement demonstrating the link between objection and prior formal comments:

This issue is new to the process as the suspension of this guidance was made after all formal commenting periods have ended. The HLCNF failed to include new information and guidance into the Forest Plan.

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