

July 18, 2020

Forest Plan Revision

Objection Process

Helena - Lewis and Clark Nat. Forest
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Dear Forest Service Personnel:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide these objections to the proposed revision of the Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest. I value my right as a citizen to participate in forest planning and would encourage you to protect this right to provide input.

Here is a summary of my objections to the Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest 2020 Land Management Plan, directed to Forest Supervisor Bill Raley, and consistent with my earlier comments.

1.) I object to mechanized use in the Badger-Two Medicine area and ask that the final plan designate the Badger-Two Medicine as unsuitable for mechanized use.

2) Darrastka Creek was not included as recommended wilderness. Consistent with the Upper Blackfoot proposal please designate the Darrastka Creek area as Recommended wilderness.

3) The current proposal fails to protect ~~the~~ the wild interior of the Elk Horns. To satisfy this objection, please adopt alternative C to keep the "core area" free from mechanized use. Also insert language which states that the Elk Horns WMA is unsuitable for oil and gas exploration. Also include language that management activities must be compatible with wildlife values and habitats.

4) I object to the Forest Service classing mechanized use as suitable in primitive areas outside of recommended wilderness and wilderness. To remedy this shortcoming the CFW-RoS-Surf-62) should be removed from the Suitability section for areas outside of recommended wilderness.

5) The language in the Forest Plan does not adequately guide the management of Wilderness Study Areas. Language should be included

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which directs the Forest Service to maintain each area's potential for inclusion within the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Thank you for considering these objections. I may be reached at:

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