

## Interested Person Request

I would like to participate as an interested person in the objection resolution discussions for one or more of the identified objection issues for the Helena-Lewis and Clark Land Management Plan or the regional forester's list of species of conservation concern (SCC).

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**I am interested in participating in any resolution discussions between the objector(s) and the reviewing official for the following objection issues:**

Geographic area land management direction for the Badger Two Medicine area, the Crazy Mountains, the Elkhorns Wildlife Management Unit, the South Hills Recreation Area, Showdown Ski Area, and the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail.

Motorized and/or mechanized recreation access and suitability determinations in recommended wilderness, primitive recreation opportunity spectrum settings, the Badger Two Medicine Area, and the Elkhorns Wildlife Management Unit.

Land management plan direction related wilderness, wilderness study areas, recommended wilderness, and inventoried roadless areas.

Areas recommended for wilderness designation.

Land management plan direction and use of best available scientific information for wildlife including:

- Elk and big game habitat and use of best available scientific information
- Viability of all native species recovery and conservation of federally recognized species (under the Endangered Species Act)
- Connectivity
- Identification of species of conservation concern

Compliance with the travel management rule at 36 CFR 212.

Coordination with other land use planning.

Compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act regarding environmental analysis, range of alternatives, and response to comments.

**Please provide a brief explanation of your interest in the objection(s) and any specific concern(s), including a description of your support or opposition to the objection(s):**

I am interested in the objection areas that negatively impact the mileage and places where mechanized, human-powered trail-based recreation are allowed, i.e., bicycles. I am against restrictions on cycling in areas outside of designated Wilderness, such as RWAs, which have the effect of creating de facto administratively created

wilderness. I also have concerns about efforts to leverage the Primitive ROS category to restrict bicycle access to areas such as inventoried roadless areas.

**Please identify when you commented during the planning process (scoping, draft EIS, and/or final EIS):**

Desired Conditions comments submitted on Jan 15, 2016.

Wilderness Inventory comments submitted on March 9, 2016.

Draft Revised Forest Plan/Draft EIS comments submitted on October 9, 2018.

Signature: 

Send electronic letters requesting recognition as an interested party to: <https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/CommentInput?project=44589>. Electronic submissions must be submitted in a format that is readable with optical character recognition software (e.g., Word, PDF, Rich Text) and must be searchable.

Faxed requests must be submitted to (406) 329-3411. The subject line needs to include "Helena – Lewis and Clark Plan Revision Interested Persons" and should specify the number of pages being submitted.

Written requests submitted via USPS, FedEx, UPS, or other courier should be mailed to: Leanne Marten, Reviewing Officer, USDA Forest Service, Attn: Helena – Lewis and Clark Planning Objections, 26 Fort Missoula Road, Missoula, MT 59804.

If you are unable to submit electronic, fax, or postal requests and must submit them by hand to the Northern Regional Office, please refer to signage at the front door regarding the delivery of hand delivered items, which will include a phone number to arrange delivery of your objection. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding Federal holidays.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.