



Carolyn Upton  
Supervisor  
Lolo National Forest

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Dear Supervisor Upton,

We write to urge you to extend the upcoming comment period on the Wild & Scenic Rivers and Wilderness inventories currently scheduled for April 17-May 1.

Wilderness and Wild & Scenic Rivers are two of the critical components of the Revision EIS. Fourteen days is far too short for an issue of this importance and we request that you extend the comment period by at least 16 days for a total of 30 days.

We understand there will be additional opportunities for public comment but at this formative stage of development it is critical that the public be afforded an adequate period of time to evaluate the work of the Forest Service.

We request your reply as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

George Nickas, Executive Director  
Wilderness Watch

Patty Ames, President  
Flathead-Lolo-Bitterroot Citizen Task Force

Jim Miller, President  
Friends of the Bitterroot

Adam Rissien, ReWilding Advocate  
WildEarth Guardians

Jeff Juel, Montana Policy Director  
Friends of the Clearwater