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This is the Back Country Horsemen of Missoula's (BCHM) input for the Wilderness Inventory and Wild and Scenic Rivers for the Lolo Forest Service Plan Revision.

WILDERNESS INVENTORY

We see the need for connectivity for wildlife from the Bitterroot Selway Wilderness through such polygons, but not limited to: SB PW -05, GB-06 to continue to recommend Wilderness for the Great Burn, GB-PW-08, String of Pearls, GB-01-04, 28-34, 19-21, 15-18, 1-11, 22-27, and 35 – 46.

The Great Burn needs to continue to be recommended for Wilderness in which mountain bikes and snow mobiles are not allowed. We are opposed to matching boundaries with Idaho.

We support the Rattlesnake to have polygon RS-04 and RS-05 for recommended Wilderness, along with 52-54.

We recommended additions to the Welcome Creek Wilderness to include WC-01 and 02, Sliderock (SL-PW-10), SL-01 and 49.

Include Bob Marshall and Scapegoat additions, BMWC-01 and 55.

We want the trails from trailheads, (such as, the North Fork of the Blackfoot, Monture Creek, Lodgepole, Indian Meadows, and Pyramid Pass) to the dedicated by Congress Wildernesses boundaries, to be closed to mountain bikes. This will enhance the safe use of livestock. We want these trail sections only open for foot and stock travel.

We want stock trailheads kept for stock use and not allowing non-stock users to occupy those sites.

We want the emphasis for the Forest Service to provide for the conservation of forest land for wildlife, water quality, protection from erosion, and recreation; not to reach quotas of number of board feet of timber harvested.

Snowmobile access should be eliminated from recommended Wilderness areas to protect Wilderness values, wildlife (mountain goats, wolverines, and lynx) and to avoid user conflicts. In non-Wilderness areas snowmobiles may need to be restricted for the protection of wildlife.

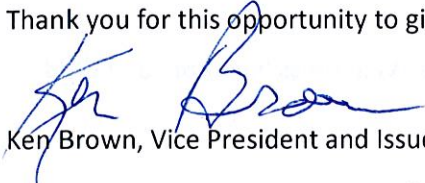
WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS

All or parts of the following rivers and streams should be considered for Wild and Scenic designation.

1. North Fork of the Blackfoot River
2. Monture Creek

3. Rattlesnake and Spring Creek
4. West and North Fork of Fish Creek
5. Cash Creek
6. Straight Creek
7. South Fork of Lolo Creek
8. Montana Creek

Thank you for this opportunity to give input into the Lolo Forest Service Plan Revision.



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