Lolo National Forest Supervisor’s Office April 1, 2024

Attn: Lolo Plan Revision Team

24 Fort Missoula Road, Missoula, Mt. 59804

RE: Comment on Proposed Forest Plan Revision

I would like to see the following Inventoried Roadless Areas designated as Proposed Wilderness in the revised Forest Plan. Hoodoo as the Great Burn Wilderness; Sheep Mtn.-Stateline, Marble Point, Gilt Edge-Silver Creek, Ward-Eagle, Wonderful Peak and Stevens Peak as the String of Pearls Proposed Wilderness area; Marshall Peak as an addition to the Mission Mountains Wilderness and Bear-Marshall-Scapegoat-Swan as additions to the Scapegoat and Bob Marshall Wilderness areas; Lolo for the Lolo Peak Wilderness or added to the Selway. I have hiked most of these areas with my family and growing up in the Seeley Lake area and these special areas deserve as much protection as possible to maintain their wild character.

Areas for Backcountry Non-motorized (Primitive) should be Cherry Peak; Clear Creek and Maple Peak should be combined; Baldy Mountain; Evans Gulch; and Stony Mountain. These areas are great for quiet recreation and to protect wildlife and provide migration corridors with proposed wilderness areas.

Mount Bushnell and McGregor-Thompson could be as Backcountry Motorized. Mount Bushnell is already open for motorized use and the McGregor-Thompson area does not have Wilderness Characteristics. Wildlife depends on these areas for security but I do not think the amount of motorized use would disturb them too bad.

These Roadless Areas are important for wildlife, water quality, soils, vegetation diversity, and for all forms of recreation.

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