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Comments: I object to the Helena Lewis and Clark national forest plan for the following reasons:

I formally object to the HLCNF stating in the new forest plan and implementing an action of removing all motorized and mechanized use in the areas they designate as recommended wilderness areas.

Statement of issues and or part of the plan revision to which the objection applies: the statement of motorized and mechanized use is not suitable in areas designated as recommended wilderness is mentioned in numerous places in the 1000s of pages of the document.

Concise statement explaining the objection and suggesting how the proposed plan should be improved:

The reasons for my objection are:

The previous guidance initiated by regional forester Thomas Tidwell of removing motorized and mechanized use in areas of recommended wilderness was superseded in a letter dated April 23, 2013 by region 1 regional forester Leanne Marten. This was confirmed by a letter from chief Christiansen to Idaho governor Risch, senator Carpo, congressman Simpson and congressman Fulcher on August 6, 2019.

Proposed Solution:

The language removing motorized and mechanized use in areas of recommended wilderness in the HLCNF plan must be removed and their use must be allowed to continue.

Statement demonstrating the link between objection and prior comment:

The issue is new to the process as the suspension of this guidance was made after all formal commenting periods have ended. The HLCNF failed to include new information and guidance on the forest plan.