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Comments: RE: Comment on Proposed Action for Lolo Forest Plan

I would like the Cube Iron/Silcox and Cataract area designated as recommended wilderness. This would protect this area for future generations. I have recreated in this area for over 40 years with my family and it is special place. It is very important for wildlife as a migration corridor, security area, and summer and winter range for big game. This area is in a Grizzly Bear Management Unit and could provide wolverine habitat for this newly listed threatened specie. Water quality will be protected for the West Fork of the Thompson River for Cutthroat trout and Bull trout. Ashley Creek watershed will also be protected for the City of Thompson Falls municipal water system. I support the boundary suggested by the Cube Iron/Cataract Coalition and would like to see it expanded to include all of Sundance Ridge in the West Fork Thompson River so it is connected to the Sundance Roadless area and this also be Recommended wilderness. All of Graves Creek area to the east of Road number FS 367 and all of the Four Lakes Creek Basin to the south of the Trailhead. The Sundance roadless area should extend down to the Thompson River Road and to the West Fork of the Thompson River. By doing these suggestions to the boundaries, this will make the proposed area easier to manage and reduce future costs.