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Comments: Creating more wilderness areas in the northeast forest makes fires more likely and probably more devastating. prevailing winds are predominately from the southwest which could push fires directly at Metaline and Metaline Falls. Also the increase in wilderness area could allow a fire to grow much larger and threaten the town of lone.

The county road crosses parts of the recommended wilderness area. If this is declared wilderness this road would have to be closed. It is possible that the county road would be the only route from the north end to lone because of slides.

I feel the safety of the local residents should be a primary concern. The no action alternative is the only one that takes in consideration of the safety of residents.