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To Custer Gallatin National Forest,

It has come to my attention that there are several sections of the Pryor mountains that are going to be designated Backcountry Areas instead of Wilderness Areas. This 'Wilderness Lite' designation is an insult to all of us who enjoy the Pryors. The Pryors are part of my daily life as I can see them from Billings and being able to glance at them from town helps me deal with the day knowing that they are there and that I will be able to hike during the late spring and summer. I realize Billings is not Bozeman, and the Pryors are not the Bridgers, but I don't see Billings and the Pryors as second class to Bozeman. If our growing community is to prosper in healthy ways, we will need Wilderness designations in the Pryors for Billings citizens to be able to enjoy the outdoors. The success of the Parks systems in town should be an indication of how much need and support keeping areas readily available for outdoor recreation. Please, do not do a half-way there job, and give the proposed areas in the Pryors the full designation that they deserve.

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