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Comments: Dear USFS Staff,

This letter is in support of designating Granite Basin a Wilderness Area. I have hiked in this area, and found it to be amazing. The solitude, difficult to find in so many areas today, was extraordinary. Future generations deserve to experience this level of solitude, which only a Wilderness designation preserves. With the increase in outdoor recreation, it is imperative to set aside wilderness areas while we still can. Once areas are opened up to motorized recreation, you can't go back later and change them to wilderness. I urge you to consider the unique value a Wilderness designation brings to the community now, and in the future. As the USFS recommended it in 2007, please follow through and designate Granite Basin a Wilderness Area.

Regards,

Patricia Del Tredici