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Comments: Dear Mr. Peterson,

I recently moved from Montana after a decade of enjoyable and memorable outdoor experiences. My husband and I frequented many parts of the broader area known as the "Great Burn," including some of the most remote, least-traveled areas. Some of our best Montana memories are of long, arduous days spent bushwhacking and trekking up to the Great Burn's highest points. Typically in complete solitude. These experiences were only possible because of Forest Service's responsible management of the Great Burn via the strong, clear standards and guidelines in the current Forest Plan, which recognized the invaluable wilderness character of the area and ensured that it would be managed as such. Please, in the revised Forest Plan, include standards to clearly and concisely prohibit motorized and mechanized uses in the area known as the Great Burn. Standards are the only Forest Plan component that could offer the protections necessarily to retain the Great Burn's eligibility for Wilderness designation in the future, and would ensure that the characteristics of this area are protected for generations to come. More importantly, if the Idaho side of the Great Burn is not protected via standards in the same way as the Montana side, the character of the entirety of the Great Burn may be jeopardized.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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