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Comments: The plan needs to protect the \_wilderness\_ character of the WSA, which is different from the Forest Service's proposal to protect merely its 'existing' character. The Plan should also protect the wilderness character of the lands by classifying them with the FS's "primitive" standard --the most protective.

It should go without saying, but apparently we all need reminding: we're in the midst of the 6th Great Mass Extinction; we've lost well over half our species diversity on land, in the air and in the oceans since the mid-1950s (before which many species had already been driven to extinction by human actions). We have little wild land left; we need to preserve these wild places with STRONGER protections than ever before, particularly as our climate undergoes further imbalances due to rising temperatures. Truly wild areas, with lots of trees, are our best protection against more and more rapid cycles of climate chaos.