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Comments: I've lived in Idaho for several years and enjoy the outdoor opportunities available to all off us. One main priority for the US Forest Service should be protecting more areas with wilderness designation including the following areas:

North Lemhis: The pristine natural environment near Bear Valley and Buck Lakes is a spot that I enjoy backpacking due to the solitude available in the area including the preserved backcountry silence. This is a great area that provides significant wildlife habitat within a remote environment. Climbing Lem Peak enabled me to observe inspiring mountain goats that on several occasions. Wilderness designation for this area would preserve the values that make this are special.

Central Lemhis: The area west of Big Creek Trailhead encompassing Yellow Peak, Junction Peak, Flatiron Mountain and Big Creek Peak far exceeds the threshold for an area that should be protected with wilderness designation. This spot is one of the most remote and long backpacking loops that everyone should be able to enjoy. Diverse wildlife inhabit this area and wilderness protection would continue to preserve and keep motorized out, which is conducive to maintaining excellent wildlife connectivity that help Idahoans recharge.

Lost River Range - Borah Peak Plus: I've hiked several of Idaho's 12,000 foot peaks with great friends. Many high peaks are concentrated in this area and people come from far away places to observe the high points in the state. Each of these high rugged peaks is unique and rare deserving wilderness protection. This area has been managed consistently as recommended wilderness for over 40 years with wilderness designation more than appropriate since these peaks are stunning.

North Slope Pioneers: Out of any area in the state, I've hiked the most it would be the Pioneers. They provide the best solitude and are natural wildlife habitat. Wildhorse canyon is an irreplaceable environment that should be protected from all motorized use. Wilderness designation is also consistent with how the area has been managed as recommended wilderness for many years. Stunning scenery is everywhere in the Pioneers. Please protect this mountain range so future generations can also experience the solitude this area provides.