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Comments: I am writing about my concern on the wilderness evaluation process. I am in favor of keeping the Northern Pioneer Mountains and Borah peak, Lemhi Range areas remote, wild and free!

I was born and raised in the Wood River Valley. I grew up camping, hiking, fishing, and exploring the areas. I am who I am because of these beautiful forests. It breaks my heart to know that my children might not have the same experiences I did. There is something that only being out in an undeveloped, natural, recreational area can provide. It gives one a sense of deep wisdom, calm, and expose that can't be replicated.

As the world population grows, the world, in a way gets smaller. The wilderness areas become that much more important to protect. Wilderness areas are homes to the animals. The rivers that feed water to communities stay clean. Wilderness is essential for its ecological and geological features. For scientific, educational, scenic, and historical value.

"The love of wilderness is more than a hunger for what is always beyond reach; it is also an expression of loyalty to the earth ... the only home we shall ever know, the only paradise we ever need -- "-- Edward Abbey

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment. I hope that the right decision is made to continue to protect these wild areas for future generations.

-Molly Hanson