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Comments: I do not agree with the wilderness designation, specifically in the Lost River and Pioneer mountains. I recreate (mtn bike, climb, and paraglide) on these lands in ways that would not be allowed by the future plans. I am one, of many, who contribute to the local county economies when I travel from Bonneville county for a weekend of activities.

I have spent many nights bikepacking in the Pahsimeroi valley and the Pioneer mountains from Trail Creek road to Antelope Valley. I love being able to move through these lands and I think much of the land near the Pioneers would become nearly inaccessible with a wilderness designation.

Additionally, I enjoy sport climbing at the Fins, near Howe peak. This area holds world class sport climbing routes on a rock type that is not suitable for natural protection. The climbing protection heavily depends on the ability to place strategic bolts into the rock for anchor points. A wilderness designation would not allow the placement of these bolts and highly limit the future climbing development of the site.

I also enjoy paragliding, which along with hang gliding is legally considered a mechanized mode of travel. The King Mountain launch site in the Lost River Range has almost been around since the inception of hang gliding. The site has been the host of national championships and considered a world class site as well. I'm relatively new to the sport and have not flown at this site, but it has been an aspiration of mine for years. The wilderness designation would cut access to the launch site roads and not allow a launch or landing in the area.