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Comments: I have lived in Stanley for the past 20 years and prior to that visited the area for an additional 15 years. My initial visit was to the Yankee Fork area 35 years ago. A couple of friends had unlimited use to a family-owned cabin in the area for 25+ years prior to the time I met them. My two incredible friends took me to every inch of Custer County and some of Blaine County and introduced me to the most beautiful country I have ever seen in my life. It didn't take long for me to decide that, some day, I would have my own cabin in this gorgeous country. 20 years ago my plan came to fruition and I have been living that dream at the base of the Sawtooth Mountains just west of Stanley.

Over the past 35 years I have backpacked, hiked, biked, driven, ATV'd and snowmobiled over as much area of this incredible area as I possibly had time to, considering work and other responsibilities. However, I realize that at some point as I age I will need to switch to more motorized means of continuing to make more precious memories through continued adventures through the areas I now call home.

The Frank Church Wilderness Area ("Area") already consumes over 2.37 million acres of Idaho and I've driven on the road that borders a portion of this wilderness. I believe that this "Area" provides enough wilderness for this part of Idaho. I think it would be a travesty to eliminate my current freedom of having the ability to continue enjoying areas that are now open to motorized travel. There are still so many journeys and memories yet to create.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide you with my input and request a "NO" vote for any additional wilderness designation in Central Idaho.