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Mary Erickson, I am a concerned citizen of Sweet Grass County. I have been keeping up with, and am well educated with the current actions of the USFS. I am very concerned of why the USFS thinks that adding more Wilderness like the Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness is going to help the country, it's people, and it's wildlife. I have witnessed first hand of the mis-management of the Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness, and the mis-management of the Gallatin National Forest south of Big Timber. I and many other citizens don't want to see further mis-management of OUR LANDS as tax payers of the county, state, and country, to have more Wilderness land added to the books, just so it's less acres for the USFS to "try" and manage. I am in full support of ALTERNATIVE E. The state of Montana doesn't need any more Wilderness. Wilderness is great for preserving the natural habitat, and the pristine beauties of our state, but we have enough acres. On the other hand, Wilderness shuts out the ability to perform motorized recreational activity, doesn't allow handicapped and senior citizens easy access to THEIR wilderness, in the end it comes down to thousands of ill managed acres that in the end are left to burn if there's a lightning storm.

In the great state of Montana, we don't need any more wilderness. The wilderness enacted by the Carter Administration is enough. If we as a state want to keep the land and forests clean and hospitable, we need more agriculture, and more tree harvesting. In Federal Wilderness this becomes illegal, and turns the land useless, except in the lens of a camera.

Montana doesn't need anymore wilderness! We would just like and appreciate if the the USFS would start doing their job and manage the Forests and Wildernes we already have, instead of trying to create new ill managed areas.

Thank you for your time and cooperation. I hope you decide on Montana's side, and do what is the best for all Montanans. No more Wilderness!

Sincerely,

Wayne

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