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Comments: Ive been in the Bozeman area for 13 years, coming from southern Missouri. I moved out here because of the seemingly limitless open space and recreational opportunities. It seems that lots of people want to designate wilderness areas just to increase the # of acres of protected lands. To me it should be a quality of that wilderness, not the quantity. The crazies, for example are check boarded, and have lots of restrictions already due to the private land. I ski, hike, bike, and snowmobile in the crazies every year- they are one of my favorite mountain ranges. Please dont restrict our recreation opportunities there. As it is, i see things going well in the backcountry, snowmobilers are getting along with skiers; Mountain bikers are starting to get along with horsemen. I want to be able to do whatever recreation i want to do in the mountains. There is plenty of wilderness around for those people who want to to get out in that way. Please dont take more of our public lands, giving it to one ideology on how to use wild spaces. The wilderness crowd will just have to learn how to get along with the rest of us, not separate us into warring groups. I love backpacking in the wilderness of the beartooths, the lake plateau specifically. You dont see many people out there, and its super quiet. I can have just as much enjoyment going into the wilderness on a backpacking trip as i do going up to fairy lake ski touring or riding a snowmobile. I can go to all these places and have the same amount of enjoyment while not being bothered by how others are using the same space. A fully inclusive mixed use plan is what should happen, leave as much area open to different recreation as possible. I would love to be able to ride my bike in the buffalo porcupine area, open that one up! Let us sled up to hyalite peak again! Lets open it up to the people, not close them out. Lets force users to get along, in the end, we are all out there for essentially the same purpose. Please: No additional Wilderness, open up areas to more recreational opportunities, improve access by opening roads, focus on inclusivity- not Exclusivity.

Thank You!