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Comments: I am a native Montanan born and raised in Butte. When the jobs ended in Butte due to the mines closing i had to leave. I ended up in Northwest Arkansas.Ya....Northwest Arkansas. No mountains or wild places down there. I spent the next 23 years there but always held firm to a dream of returning to Montana. Well...thanks be to God i have returned!!!!!!!! The first overnight back camping trip i did was to pear lake in the Crazies. Wow!!!!!!!!!!! my soul rejoiced with me being back in the country i love so much.

I am back living in Butte and will not only retire soon but will die here. Before that happens though i plan on more trips back to the Crazies. I hike southwest Montana every summer but the Crazies hold a special place for me. After 23 years with no mountains i had forgotten what Montana was about. That week in the Crazies made me realize just how special Montana is and hopefully, with your help, will always be.

I will never leave Montana again. Never. Please protect the Crazies so that others may perhaps have their soul touched like i did. I am blessed to be able to hike in beautiful mountains when ever i want. But i must say...the Crazies are special. I am going to Cotton wood lake for a few days in September. Cant wait!!!!!!! Christmas comes early this year.