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Comments: Some of my favorite memories growing up in Montana are our trips to the Crazies (grew up in Great Falls, traveling often, and went to MSU-Bozeman). I feel it's imperative to protect these areas. With the burgeoning population in Bozeman and surrounding areas, our Public lands are taking the brunt of the impact; add to that Climate Change, and our management decisions become even more important for the long-term sustainability of our ecosystems. Damage done is difficult to repair. Open areas to motorized use, and good luck ever closing it again (even seasonal closures are tested (violated) and fought). Therefore, I support the following:

Protecting the Crazy Mountains to preserve their outstanding wilderness values and managing the area in close consultation with the Crow Nation

Protecting the following roadless areas in the Pryor Mountains as recommended Wilderness: Lost Water, Big Pryor, Punch Bowl, and Bear Canyon

Implementing the Gallatin Forest Partnership agreement

Maintaining the boundaries of the current recommended Wilderness in the Lionhead

Retain areas currently recommended for Wilderness in the Absaroka Beartooth area, and additionally recommend Dome Mountain, Emigrant Peak, Chico Peak, Woodbine, East Rosebud to Stillwater, and Red Lodge Creek.

Managing the Tongue River Breaks, King Mountain, and Cook Mountain in the Ashland district as recommended Wilderness

Managing recommended Wilderness just like designated Wilderness, allowing only foot and horse travel in recommended Wilderness and not allowing any mechanized or motorized use