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Comments: Dear Forest Plan Revision Team,

My concerns about which forest plan alternative is most viable have to do with the larger question of the essential importance of wild lands & Wilderness to all life, not just for our human gains. Although I cherish Wilderness in my own life pursuits & fulfillment I'm incredibly concerned that there is not nearly enough designated Wilderness to suffice our growing human numbers, nor the ever increasing climate crisis that is exacerbating systemic problems. If any potential Wilderness designation is not made now then any type of development & other designations will wipe out what could have been the most life enhancing option. And maybe I should capitalize LIFE, because I mean the big picture here. If we don't halt environmental degradation & destruction of our remaining, mostly intact ecosystems with an ethical & holistic solution of sound conservation, which Wilderness Designation would support then what's to come of you, me & the rest of life??? Yes, that's the larger question I referred to. I'm very concerned that if the new forest plan doesn't grab onto every morsel of potential Wilderness then that decision would lead to the demise of everything that completes what our world really needs. Wilderness designation protects what most needs to be protected - the synergistic affects of a healthy ecosystem protects the health & well-being of everyone & everything. And I don't just infer to humans, but all other life as well - to thrive we all need the benefits of nature's attributes & so called services - clean air, clean water & a healthy, safe habitat. Please also keep in mind the importance of creating vital wildlife connectivity corridors throughout our 'neck of the woods' & also realize that land preservation and afforestation are solutions to environmental & social stability (both human's & other animal's psyche as well). Obviously an intact, vibrant & natural environment has more resiliency to climate change-related challenges. So, please consider my concern's by utilizing as much Wilderness designation as your managing solution of our precious lands. Therefore, I think Alternative D is the most appropriate plan for our forest.

Thank you,

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