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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I have been a resident of Western Montana for the past 71&1/2 years. During my lifetime, I have enjoyed the peace and quiet of Eastern Idaho and Western Montana wild places. I have hiked and ridden horses into spectacular places afforded to us in the pristine wild. I have encountered goats, sheep, elk, deer, bear, moose, mountain lions and wolves, not to mention the various small mammals of these forested, wild lands.

I am writing to encourage those who decide on these wild spaces, to keep them wild and pristine for the coming generations...devoid of any mechanical means of transport during all seasons. There needs to be places of quiet for humans to use as an escape from the noise of everyday living. The inhabitants of those wild and pristine places must be given wide berth and quiet solitude to live their lives and thrive as they have for centuries. We, as caretakers, must make their survival our utmost concern. We must not take away or diminish those areas already studied and designated as wild, especially the Great Burn Recommended Wilderness.

Please take into consideration the many miles of roads in other areas that already exist and can be used for recreation. There will be no places of solace for further generations if we continue to encroach on the wild lands.

Thank you for your time and careful thought on this matter. The effects of your decision will carry on for many generations of humans and animals alike.