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Comments: As conservationists and primitive recreationists who have explored the Forest over the decades, we appreciate the good work you have done to present a balanced forest plan revision, but there are several areas that can be improved for the benefit of the land, wildlife and primitive recreation.

The Big Snowies WSA: although you recommended 66,000 acres of wilderness, we object to the boundaries and would ask that you add 10,000 acres to prevent unintentional mountain bike use in recommended wilderness. We were just in the Big Snowies and are so impressed with its wildness and opportunities for solitude.

Badger-Two Medicine: we stand with the Blackfeet and object to the continuation of mechanized use. To protect cultural and spiritual values, you should ban mechanized use of the area.

Middle Fork of the Judith WSA: we object to its lack of wilderness protection and ask that you include it in your wilderness recommendations.

We ask that you manage primitive ROC for foot/stock use, especially the Elkhorn WMU, as it is a refuge for our iconic wildlife and is important for connectivity of species in this wild core of the Elkhorns. The Crazies' Loco Mountain area is another area needing protection of its secure habitat accomplished by primitive ROC status. Finally, Arrastra Creek should be added to the existing Scapegoat Wilderness.

We thank you for your hard work on this monumental project and hope that you will improve the final plan.