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Comments: I am concerned about wilderness designation in section 16 & 21 adjacent to Private land (The Royal Teton Ranch) in the Mol Heron Creek drainage. In the event of forest fire it is necessary to access these two sections to prevent fire from running up the mountain and impacting private lands above these two sections.

Wilderness designation would limit our existing ability to use chain saws and motorized fire fighting equipment in these areas. It would make it more difficult to keep access to these sections open in the event of a fire emergency. Since I moved here in 1981 we have had five documented fires in the area. Three were quickly put out because we accessed the areas quickly. The Fan Fire in 1988 was controlled by having clear trails and easy access through these two sections to Yellowstone Park. The 2001 Little Joe Fire was controlled before it got into sections 16 and 21.

We will no doubt have fires in the future and I do not want to have our ability to fight them limited by wilderness designations in the Mol Heron Creek drainage above my home.