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I support Alternative D which includes the Blue Lakes Basin area as a Primitive Recreation area. Blue Lakes area is losing its wilderness qualities because it's not being managed properly as a Wilderness. I have hiked here for many years and have witnessed firsthand the loss of solitude afforded a Wilderness area. Overcrowding by hikers and backpackers is stripping this wild area of its solitude quality. And native vegetation is being lost due to too many hiker footprints and tent footprints in the area around the lower lake.

In conclusion, Blue Lakes is in a Wilderness area but its losing its wilderness qualities due to lack of proper management. Reduce the number of day hikers and backpackers in order to preserve Blue Lakes Basin's natural and untrammeled wilderness quality. Reducing the number of people in the basin on a daily basis will protect our opportunity for solitude in this amazing and beautiful area.