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Comments: I come from a fishing and hunting family. I remember laying in the beds of elk while hunting with my dad, reading as the water of a lake flowed onto the shore while fishing and breathing in the fresh smell of pine while hiking to scenic spots. I believe out outdoor areas need the most protection. Specifically, I am concerned about the designation of Kelso Mesa. This is an area that needs to be dedicated as lands with wilderness characteristics. Based on the analysis of the Forest Service, the decision to take away Kelso Mesa's lands with wilderness characteristics designation should be reversed. This will preserve our beautiful lands and give future generations the opportunity to experience the beauty of nature in the same way I have.