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Comments: I ask that you explain why your bureaucracy insists on weakening, and even eliminating, mandated restrictions and protection of Wilderness Areas. It seems to want to "redefine" the meaning of Wilderness as allowing tools, equipment, methods that abrogate the long-maintained respect and regulation of OUR wild lands. One has to wonder if there is a financial aspect to this, linked to exploitative corporations, "ranchers", et al, bent on extracting ever more profit from public lands. I think it would be interesting--and required--for all National Forest planners, administrators and other executives to divulge all past financial/employment connections with said corporations, and all offers of future employment or contractual relationships with same.

The areas I've read that are part of those presently listed to be impacted by new interpretations, projects, motorized equipment/tools, methods, etc. are precious and stunningly wild. I have backpacked extensively in a lot of them and want them protected from any attempts to destroy or harm the long-term wildness they present and represent. They are inherently beautiful as they are and must not be altered by bureaucrats or their agencies.