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Comments: To whom it should concern,

I am writing on behalf of my self and my family that will be moving to the area this year from Texas. I have made it a purpose my entire life to help conserve wildlife and the habitat that it lives in. My family and I enjoy the outdoors in many ways and coming from a State where 97% of the entire land is privately owned and is also larger than the state of Montana, it is very difficult to see where utilizing public lands for long term, private investment will be beneficial to the surrounding area. Montana is a state I've dreamt about moving to for many years. The wild places and the availability of public lands that have been preserved by generations of people who love the land as much and the ones before them is very important to myself and others and the interest in monetary profits utilizing that land for private gain does not set well with me. My family and I are sportsmen and women and we utilize the land like many others do and we give back to that land and want to give back even more to it by helping and involving our children in organizations that help promote and protect our public God given lands. I will always help in the fight to protect our public lands for my children, and the future of their children for generations to come because someone was willing to do it for me. I have never been able to enjoy the opportunities that I hope my children have while growing up in Texas because of the amount of private land in the state and I do not want to see the beautiful state of Montana go down the same path. My future home and the place I will forever fight for.