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Comments: Attn: Forest Supervisor Mary Erickson PO Box 130 Bozeman MT 59771 I would like to comment about the pending "East Trunk Trail" between Big Timber Creek and Sweetgrass Creek on the east side of the Crazy Mountains. I would really like to see this trail opened again to the public like it was many years ago. In the late 60's and early 70's my parents would drop me off at the ranger station in Big Timber Canyon on a Saturday morning and pick me up on Sunday over on the Sweetgrass Creek. This was always an exciting trip for me when I was a teenager. I thought that if I ever had kids it would be a fun and easy trip to take them on as well. As we know things changed and that wasn't possible anymore. My kids never got that chance. But if this proposal is successful, then maybe I could take my grandkids on this same trail and keep the backpacking tradition going in our family. In times of chaos and uncertainty, hiking is one thing that helps the new generation focus on something that can be healthy and provides a lifetime of keeping people active and outdoors. This trail would greatly provide more hiking trails on the east side of the Crazy Mountains, especially considering there is so much private land blocking access to the national forest. So please, give this proposal the serious consideration that it deserves. Thank you so much for allowing us to comment on this important issue. Brian Davis