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Comments: Hi:

I don't know all the details and formalities regarding this comment process. I would like to comment specifically regarding the evaluation of rivers and creeks in the Lolo National Forest and the revisions to the Forest Planning process.

In general, I feel and there is ample evidence of the use and occasional abuse of the waterways of western Montana. There is increasing pressure on all these resources both for development and recreational uses.

I am in favor of more protection rather than less when it comes to our waterways. I feel that if we do not afford high levels of protections to our rivers and creeks, that there will be increasing and unacceptable degradation to the quality of the resource.

Please consider strong protections for any and all waterways, even if the situation may appear borderline. We can never replace these resources once they have been degraded or lost. We should accept limitations on our use of these places in order to ensure their quality and integrity.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.