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Comments: Hello,

I am writing to make my voice heard on the idea of wilderness and how it relates to the lolo travel plan revision. I believe there is a vast misunderstanding on what wilderness is and how it is accessed. Wilderness excludes more user groups than it allows. Most think of driving around on a forest service road and believe they are in the wilderness. The confusion of outdoors and wilderness is a huge problem as we are seeking comments on the matter. Montana has an abundance of wilderness yet is constantly losing access for the elderly and handycapped. Mechanized use is vastly underrepresented, and is a larger user group than the folks that avidly use designated wilderness.

In the Seeley Lake/ Monture area bills to add wilderness constantly fail. It is not what the people want. More wilderness is not the answer. Recreation areas should be equal, if more wilderness is wanted or needed, so should areas for Mountain bikers, OHV users, skiers, snowmobilers, and hikers. Our lands should not be set aside for a small group of users, nor land use dictated by people that will never step foot in Montana.

Thanks

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