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Comments: I am commenting in favor of expanded wilderness designation. I would like to see the roadless areas of the Great Burn Proposed Wilderness Area become the Great Burn Wilderness Area. This area is a gem in Mineral County and with unprecedented growth in Mineral County I believe it is very important to protect one of the main resources that people move to this county for. This area has known rare earths and precious metals and will most likely be considered for mineral extraction in the future, I believe wilderness designation would be of great importance to protect this wild and scenic country from Mining and Logging interests.

With that said, I also am strongly in favor of managing our more accessible timberlands for wood production and for wildlife habitat. These two land uses can go hand in hand with proper planning and management. Productive forests are an important part of the rural economy and Creating value added forest products is something that Mineral county should be pursuing.

In summary, I believe it is important to manage the timberlands we have properly to maintain a flow of wood products to timber industries. At the same time, now is the time to officially designate the Great Burn Wilderness Area to protect this incredible Wilderness Resource for future generations. There is no reason good enough to build roads and mine and log this incredible de-facto wilderness area in mineral county.