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Comments: I am a retired educator who has spent most of his life in western Montana. My father introduced me to, and taught me respect for, public lands. Some of my backcountry knowledge was given to me; a tremendous amount of it was earned. My hope is to pass on those public lands and some of that knowledge to my 7 grandchildren.

I worked many years ago (late 70's/early 80's) as a timber forester for the Darby District of the Bitterroot National Forest. I have a sincere respect for the work the Forest Service does. Thank you for your efforts on the Forest Plan; and for allowing the public an opportunity to respond.

I strongly support the Forest Service for retaining the 1986 recommended wilderness boundary for the Hoodoo Roadless Area. I would also like the Forest Service to consider recommended wilderness for two other roadless areas: Ward Eagle and Meadow Creek - Upper North Fork. This is for the grandkids - keep this wild area intact for future generations.

I would like to recommend three inventoried roadless areas to be considered by the Forest Service for wilderness consideration: Cataract, Cube Iron-Silcox, and Sundance Ridge. These areas provide inter- and intra-forest wildlife connectivity.

I would like to ask the Forest Service to include all of the Blackfoot Clearwater Stewardship Agreement in the Lolo forest Plan's designations and recreation suitability components. This would greatly increase the economic quality of communities in the Blackfoot watershed.

I would strongly urge the Forest Service to consider extending wilderness designation to the Stony Mountain Roadless Area, just west of the proposed recommendation of the Quigg Roadless Area. Keep Rock Creek a blue-ribbon stream, and maintain wildlife connectivity in the area,

The Reservation Divide is my "backdoor". I would like to see the Forest Service manage the area as recommended wilderness. In part for its wildlife connectivity potential, but mainly for its cultural significance.

Finally, I would like to recommend the Forest Service to designate a separate management area for the Rattlesnake National Recreation Area, and to insure that timber harvest and road construction are not allowed.

Thank you for all your efforts and considering my comments.