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Comments: Good day and thank you for the opportunity to provide my opinions, which addresses specifically the remnant roadless area(s) Cataract and Cube Iron Silcox.

Important in my opening comment is the word "Remnant," and I draw your attention to it. Montana has been blessed with an abundance of physical and natural resources - the latter being more than a little diminished since settlement in pursuit of the former. One such greatly reduced natural resource has been undeveloped BLM, NPS and USFS managed public lands. These minute remnants are in fact Islands, wedged into and surrounded by public lands managed today for extractive industry.

While we all profit socially from well managed National Forests timber harvest, mineral extraction, Utilization of prescribed fire and private grazing, large numbers of us find equal personal profit and enjoyment from the challenges, beauty and solitude wildlands offer.

While I have been absent from Montana and Sanders County a number of years, I remember well my time spent in pursuit of high peaks and overcoming the challenges of those pursuits. I can only hope that today's youth will have ample opportunity for the same.

While I would strongly advocate for Congressional Wilderness designation for either or both Cataract and Cube Iron in order to achieve a degree of permanency, I am heartened by your proposed Non-motorized Back Country management. I do hope that proposal will survive your EIS process.

Respectfully,

Mike Comola