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Dear Ms. Milburn:

I appreciate all the work the Forest Service has put into this plan revision so far. I like that you have determined to keep most of the wilderness protections in place. I especially encourage you to recommend Wilderness for the Cubic Iron-Silox area and Sundance Ridge because it will enhance connectivity for many species. I believe that the Hoodoo Roadless Area should also be protected in its entirety along with the String of Pearls because they provide a rich intact habitat for mountain goats, wolverines and other wildlife at risk from motorized use.

What is most important to me is to create and enhance Wilderness to protect the wild character and wildlife connectivity. The land that is suitable for wilderness should not be vulnerable to development or oil and mineral extraction. Animals such as grizzly bears need long range connections to thrive. We don't know what the future holds for the forest that this plan covers. Please keep that in mind as you go forward with the revision.

I thank you and the US Forest Service for your time.