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Comments: Heart Lake Loop, Stateline Trail-I strongly oppose this action without a non-motorized travel corridor established on trails surrounding Heart Lake. I otherwise support the action to achieve large landscape conservation goals via the Great Burn Recommended Wilderness. I request that the Nez Perce-Clearwater and Lolo NF align their mgmt policies. As one of the dwindling few high-alpine and true backcountry non-motorized rides available in the northern rockies, I want to see this use re-instated. The wilderness character of this area as is does not exist according to the intent of the 1964 Wilderness Act. This area hosts one of the busiest trails, most impacted lakeside camping areas, and human acclimated wildlife I've experienced.

Carlton Ridge to Mill Creek on Lolo Peak- I support the recommended proposed action to extend Wilderness towards HWY 12 but not as far as these trails. The three miles of trail from the Wilderness boundary on Carlton Ridge is an incredible mountain bike ride that is close to Missoula.

Cube Iron Roadless Complex- I support management as a backcountry designation. This will maintain the primitive characteristics that make the area so enjoyable while allowing for non-motorized bicycle access. I have ridden the trails around Cube Iron Mountain and Big Spruce Creek and count these as one of the best backcountry rides I've ever done for their scenic quality, relics of inland temperate rainforest, and primitive nature.