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Comments: I am writing to specifically comment on the Great Burn Study Area of the Lolo National Forest Revision Plan. I have hiked in the area of the proposed Great Burn Wilderness since 1969. When mechanized travel was restricted from the area, I enjoyed increased solitude and less noise. In addition, I noticed more goats and have seen goats every time I venture into this wilderness in recent times. These are two of the many things I prize regarding the Burn.

Others have shared data indicating the benefits of non-mechanized travel and the benefits of a roadless condition on other animals and plants as well. In addition, the size of the proposed wilderness pales in comparison to the area in Mineral County in which I ride my mountain bike, motorcycle, 4-wheeler, side by side, and snow mobile. Please keep mechanized travel out of the Great Burn Study Area (including Hoodoo pass going East), obtain wilderness designation, and manage the rest of the adjacent areas for multi-use.

Thank you,

Richard Gould