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Comments: Hello, I write to you on a very important issue.

I would like to offer some suggestions for what the Forest Service should include in the Lolo National Forest Plan.

I grew up adjacent to the Forest enveloping the Cabinet Mountain Wilderness and I earned an environmental studies degree from Whitman College in WA. I can tell you that wilderness is important and precious beyond financial or short term reckoning.

The Great Burn is perhaps the wildest areas in the Lower 48 and provides vital habitat for wolverines, mountain goats, grizzly bears, and other sensitive species.

It is critical that the Forest Service continues to designate the Hoodoo recommended Wilderness along the same boundaries that have been in place for nearly 40 years. I would also like to see the Ward Eagle and Meadow Creek-Upper North Fork roadless areas managed as recommended Wilderness to protect the areas incredible wild character.

I strongly support retaining the 1986 recommended Wilderness for the Lolo Creek and Quigg/Slide Rock Areas.

And with emphasis, I urge the Forest Service to consider recommending Wilderness for the Stony Mountain roadless area, which is also important for the Rock Creek watershed.

The Cube Iron-Silcox area is a wild roadless complex that provides excellent connectivity between the Cabinet, Bitterroot, and Mission Mountains. I strongly urge decision makers to manage this area as recommended Wilderness - to protect species connectivity and ensure opportunities for quiet recreation.

Additionally, I strongly support the Blackfoot Clearwater Stewardship Act and would like to see all of the plan components of the collaboratively created agreement reflected in the Forest plans analysis.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed action and for all the work that has gone into the plan revision process so far.