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Comments: Thanks for the opportunity to comment and for considering the public's input.

I'm of the opinion that wilderness is among our most valuable American resources. As our population expands and our planet changes, its importance only grows by the day. The Lolo showed great prescience in recommending many areas for wilderness in the 1986 plan, and then reaffirming them in the proposed action. I think it is important those recommendations follow to the final decision.

Landscapes I feel are especially worthy of being managed as recommended wilderness include:

- The Cube Iron Silcox Area: For its wildlife habitat and connectivity. Also, the close to home solitude it provides communities along Montana's western reaches of the Clark Fork.
- The Great Burn: Largescale landscape protections are critical for preserving endangered species in the anthropocene. The roadless areas that comprise the Great Burn are massive and offer one of our best opportunities to help species adapt to climate change in the continental US.
- The Blackfoot Watershed: The Blackfoot Clearwater Stewardship Act is supported by over 80% of Montanans. Please join this overwhelming majority by codifying the act's provisions in your forest plan. That will ease the transition when the bill inevitably passes.
- Rock Creek Area: The Quigg/Slide Rock Areas and Stony Mtn roadless area nourish a blue ribbon trout stream that is a great boon for tourism and our quality of life. Let's keep those areas wild to keep Rock Creek wild.

Best of luck as you wrap up the planning process! Thanks again for the opportunity to comment and for being stewards of a wonderful chunk of the USA.