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Comments: I appreciate that the proposed action has retained the 1986 Recommended Wilderness Areas as a starting point, and I would like to offer some suggestions for what the Forest Service should include in the plan alternatives.

The Great Burn is one of 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 also support retaining the 1986 recommended Wilderness for the Lolo Creek and Quigg/Slide Rock Areas. The Forest Service should also consider recommending Wilderness for the Stony Mountain roadless area, which is also important for the Rock Creek watershed.

One of the areas tht I think are very important is the delineation of some motortized areas. The Blue Mountain Recreation area is a wonderful example of hikers, bikers, horses and motorcycles all having a faily small area in which each can recreate without significant conflict. I do all of these things (except ride horses) there and it is a truly wonderful place for people to be able to recreate in a multitude of ways together. In the big scope it is a relatively small area, but serves so much of our population.

I am a 'through hiker' of the Bob and grew up hiking the Bitterroots top to bottom, and have been to many of the lakes along the string of pearls (Including Dalton which is pictured in your letter), but recognize the need for wild places for everybody, and the maintenance of some areas that allow ATV/motorcycles is not only good for people, but good for helping people to appreciate wild places, rather than feeling locked out.

Furthermore, I 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.