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In the northwest corner of the Lolo National Forest, the Cube Iron area encompasses three inventoried roadless areas: Cataract, Cube Iron-Silcox, and Sundance Ridge. This area serves as a vital wildlife corridor connecting the Cabinet, Bitterroot, and Mission Mountains. The proposed action has continued to propose managing these roadless areas as nonmotorized backcountry. I encourage the Forest Service to recommend this area for Wilderness, thereby protecting its incredible wild character and wildlife connectivity. If the Grizzly Bear is truly going to recovery then genetic exchange between different populations is necessary. the Cube Iron-Silcox roadless area is critical to providing a safe corridor for Grizzly Bears.

Thank you.