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Attn: Lolo Plan Revision Team

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Dear Revision Team and Ms. Milburn,

I live in the foothills of the Sapphire Mountains NE of Stevensville, MT. I visit the Lolo and other National Forests almost weekly, year-round. I hike, snowshoe, cross-country ski, ride horseback and horse-pack into the back-country. I am especially interested in quiet, non-motorized activities and I expressly avoid any areas with recreational shooting, snowmobiles, dirt-bike, four-wheeler, e-bike or anything fast, smelly and noisy. Modern life is full of fast, noisy stuff and I go to our National Forests and wilderness areas to get away from that!

When I am riding horseback, I go only to areas where there will be no motorized or mechanized equipment (including bicycles). As a horseback rider, my safety and the safety of my fellow riders and our horses is most important and in my experience horses and motorized and mechanized equipment, and bicycles do not mix at all. There is absolutely nothing more un-nerving than having an e-bike or bicycle pop out of nowhere and not know if you, as a rider, will survive the encounter.

I also appreciate seeing wildlife and birds. A porcupine or really any wild creature can completely elevate a trip to the woods. Seeing and being with wildlife in their native habitat can make me feel like another member of the wild community. I like to observe and identify native plants and wildflowers. All these things I wish to see conserved and protected.

Specific places I enjoy:

Wilderness areas: Please retain all the 1986 and 2006 Recommended Wilderness areas. No motorized, mechanized, uses should be allowed including mountain biking. They are making any more wild places!

Protect, retain roadless character and recommend for wilderness:

Cube-Iron Silcox

Reservation Divide

Great Burn & String of Pearls (Ward-Eagle, Meadow Creek-Upper North Fork, & Hoodoo Roadless)

Lolo Creek and Quigg/Slide Rock Roadless

Stony Mountain

Please support the Blackfoot Clearwater Stewardship Act and include the agreement to add Grizzly Basis of the Swan as recommended wilderness. Again, no one is making wild areas anymore and what we have is more and more crowded with human development and activities.

Please protect and expand the Lolo Research Natural Area. I have not been there yet but am thrilled to know that it is just across the valley from my home on the Sapphire Grasslands.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Lolo National Forest Plan.

Sincerely,

Sally Orr

Stevensville, MT