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Comments: It is important that the proposed action retain the 1986 Recommended Wilderness Areas. In addition the Forest Service should include the following action items in order to fulfill the intents of Recommended Wilderness Areas, the National Forest Management Act direction, Forest Service national policy emphasizing sustainable ecosystems and the Endangered Species Act

The Great Burn 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. The Ward Eagle and Meadow Creek-Upper North Fork roadless areas should continue under management as recommended Wilderness to protect the areas wilderness designation character and potential.

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.

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

In order to show ethical responsibility in support of neighboring land use values and designations, I believe the Lolo NF should support the Blackfoot Clearwater Stewardship Act and insure that all of the plan components of the collaboratively created agreement are reflected in the Forest plans analysis.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer my comments.