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Comments: This plan fails to properly analyze and acknowledge it's impacts to federally designated Wilderness areas the agency is charged with managing. Not only does the proposed action violate the Wilderness Act, but also agency Wilderness policy 2320, which it strangely never seems to cite. The plan appears to acknowledge this violation by including Alternative C, but the structure of the alternative layout is misleading. Alternative C shouldn't be an alternative at all given it's differences from the proposed action would render the proposed action compatible with law and management direction should it be included in the proposal from the start.

I recommend rewriting the EA with exclusion of all designated and proposed Wilderness excluded from the project entirely, or select the current Alternative C, in order to come into compliance with the Wilderness Act and agency Wilderness Management Policy. The proposed action MRA process for determining actions will, at best and properly analyzed, continue to render the same result: no action. What will be the point of conducting MRAs for proposals that are incompatible with federal law and policy? Just a blatant waste of tax payer money and management time/energy when the agency could be focusing on how it is failing to meet it's own standards for Wilderness Management in the first place (take a look at WSP and WCM scoring sometime) and working to actually manage Wilderness to standard rather than degrade it further with proposals like these.