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Comments: I attended meeting after meeting about the Roadless Rule in the 1990s because it was and is important to me to preserve the last remaining bits of roadless areas in the United States. We need forest level protections that are permanent for our roadless areas. These are special places for all of us to refresh our spirits.

I cannot think of a more patriotic duty than permanent protections. Your preferred alternative would do away with this and disrupt wildlife corridors, endangering elk in a place where elk hunting and viewing are important to the community and long-standing traditions. Project level protections are insufficient. We need enforceable limits on motorized activity in sensitive areas.

I strongly oppose replacing the quantitative PACFISH and INFISH standards with flexible guidelines that use vague language like "when feasible". The plans must include mandatory standards for aquatic and riparian habitats to protect the systems that support over 80% of forest wildlife. Salmon habitat must be protected for the health of us all. And we need clean water in these headwaters.