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Our family has been fortunate to enjoy more than 50 years of hiking and backpacking in Montana's outstanding wilderness areas, starting when our children were four, six and eight. We now have the opportunity to protect and add to this precious resource, the remaining wilderness study areas, a mere 3.4% of the total land area in Montana. In particular, the Porcupine/buffalo Horn is one of the last intact habitats for wildlife. The Bozeman/Big Sky area already offers an abundance of recreational opportunities. There is neither the need nor justification to open this area to mechanized or motorized use. With 50 years of backpacking in the Absaroka/Beartooth, I urge additional protection for Line Creek, West Fork, and Lake Fork of Rock Creek adjacent to existing wilderness.