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Good Day,

I am writing this morning regarding the proposed Wilderness area near Hyalite. Though I am not a resident of Bozeman or the surrounding area, I am an advocate of Wilderness. And by Wilderness I do not just mean the federally designated term, which is appreciated and has done much to protect tracts of land in Montana as well as Idaho, but wilderness in the aspect of wildness and the large tracts of land needed for animals, including grizzly bears, to live wild, natural lives with as little management by humans as possible. By adding this piece of Wilderness to the map, grizzly habitat expands and the ability to move between areas becomes easier and thus more wild.

We do not need more areas for mechanical recreation, for human populations to exert their force on place. This is all to say that I support Alternative D and hope that your office finds it important to include this tract of land as Wilderness in your updated forest plan.

Kindly,

CMarie Fuhrman