

November 2017

To Sharon & May Larson,

We are writing in regards to your proposal of designating the parcels of land in the Simsbutter of Standing County in South Dakota as wilderness.

The Lermers are totally against this idea. There is nothing to be gained from this. It is already designated as back-in but does allow the permit holders to do their water and fencing maintenance. Emergency personnel also need to continue to have access to this area in case of fires or accidents.

Our family has been leasing units in this proposed area since the start of your permit program and we don't feel your holdings have been hurt in any way. Much of this proposed wilderness boundary adjoins what is, for the most part, private property which we need to maintain also.

We are thankful for the years of grazing we have had and look forward to continue working with the forest service in the future.

Sincerely,

Mark E. Lermers
Marcia L. Lermers

Thank you for your consideration.

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