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Comments:

As a Bozeman resident for the last 14 years it is maddening to think that once again we could lose access to our public lands. This is something that will have an effect on everyone I know. It will have an impact on local economy (i.e. the Stillwater and East Boulder mines) from potential growth, and have a direct outcome on how we recreate in this area we call home. I wish that all parties involved could see that there are better ways to manage land than designating it as wilderness. Option D will have a huge negative impact on the remaining lands available. Overcrowding and overuse of the remaining lands will be prevalent. Horses are still allowed in wilderness but no mountain bikes, dirt bikes or snowmobiles. Horses have the largest impact on trails by churning up the soil and causing more erosion. Snowmobiles leave no trace once the snow melts, and allow people to access areas that would be unreachable otherwise in the winter months. Dirt bikers are constantly helping keep trails clear and open from fallen trees and brush. Mountain bikers are of no adverse effects to the environment. I truly hope that you adopt option E as we need more areas to recreate with a growing population, and as removing motorized or mechnized use will have a negative effect on our national forests.