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Comments:

Dear CGNF decision-makers,

I write to submit comments regarding the released DEIS, and encourage you to select option D with the following points taken into consideration:

- it is important to designate four Recommended Wilderness Areas in the Pryors to help preserve this very unique ecosystem: Bear Canyon, Big Pryor Mountain, Punch Bowl RWAs, and enlarge Lost Water Canyon RWA.

- "Backcountry Areas" designation is weak and inadequate. It lacks clarity and sets a precedent that is difficult to reverse when problems with land use arise. Wilderness regulations provide important landscape protection. Saving the few remaining acres holding wilderness qualities should be a high priority for the United States, and it is important to the people of Montana.

- the four Pryors RWAs are a moderate and balanced proposal. Nearly all the existing motorized and bike routes will remain.

- the Pryor Mountains include landscape and ecosystem types that are underrepresented in the National Wilderness Preservation System - or not represented at all. The Pryor Mountains merit Wilderness designation.

Thank you for your attention to this important decision.