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Comments:

I support alternative D that adds new wilderness areas in Montana. The Crazy Mountains are particularly dear to my heart, with memories of backpacking trips to Campfire Lake. Please improve the plan by 1) adding 230,000 more acres encompassing the full Gallatin Range 2) prohibiting all motorized/mechanized use (this is consistent with the Wilderness Act!!!) 3) reducing group size limits in the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness (one of my students has produced a documentary film about increasing recreational use in the AB and real fears that this area's size and remoteness no longer offer sanctuary from crowding and visitor use impacts) 4) eliminate fish stocking as well as increase LNT messaging and education to ensure clean lake and river water (another of my students is researching fecal matter in wilderness lakes and the results are disheartening at best). Thank you!