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Comments:

Over the last 40 years I have spent many trips per year traveling by foot into these study areas. I feel that I know their geographic, flora, and fauna properties well. I support plan D for the Absaroka Beartooth area, Bridger Bangtail Crazy area and the Madison Gallatin Henry's Lake area. I understand that the checkerboard property ownership in the Crazy Mountains presents a large problem. This should be addressed in the plan as a important project to resolve for the public future of the range. The checkerboard ownership was resolved in the Madison Gallatin's after many years, I believe it could also be done here. A wilderness designation does not lock up land, it does the opposite. An area left to it's natural state creates clean water, abundant wildlife, vibrant plant life, and a space if a person wishes to can visit for solitude. These attributes are priceless. Federal land holdings are vast in Montana. There are still thousands of acres for timber harvesting, mining, motorized use, and mountain biking. These industries have had their way for many years. When was the last time we have had a wilderness designation in this area? Wilderness is a gift we must give to future generations. Thank you.