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Comments:

Based on my hikes on the Salmon-Challis NF, all of the areas I know of that meet the criteria of Wilderness are included within the "mostly unroaded areas" shown on fseprd601994.pdf with one possible minor exception. In particular, the spectacular Pioneers, the Smiley Mtn RNA, Borah Peak and the outstanding portion of the Lost River Range, the unspoiled portion of the crest of the Lemhis, and the upper portion of the Stein Mtn Evaluation Area that is in a natural condition and adjacent to the spectacular area around Upper Miner Lakes and Homer Young's Peak in Montana that has been recommended for Wilderness designation are all included. There are other mostly less significant portions of the Focal Evaluation Areas that are suitable for Wilderness and there are also large portions that are not.

The one possible exception that is not included is the area along the crest of the Beaverheads in the Goldstone Mtn Evaluation Area adjacent to the Continental Divide Trail. How is the CDT being addressed in the forest plan revision? The CDT by itself is not a reason for designation of an area as Wilderness. But it is a factor under criterion 2 and maybe criterion 4(Wilderness Act section 2 paragraph c, (2) and (4)) if there are 5000 contiguous acres in a natural condition that is manageable along the CDT. Most of the Goldstone Mtn area appears to me to not be suitable but I think the portion right along the crest and CDT is suitable. The area on the Montana side also appears to be suitable but hasn't been designated or recommended so I don't know how that affects recommendations on the Idaho side. And there might be a better option for preservation of the scenic and natural values along the crest and CDT that should be addressed elsewhere in the forest revision plan. The Horsethief and upper portion of the Stein Mtn Evaluation Areas should be recommended for designation regardless of the presence of the CDT, though it is a factor, and the portions of the other Evaluation Areas containing the CDT aren't suitable from what I have seen.