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Dear Decision Makers,

During my fifteen years working as a licensed Idaho guide, I hiked and backpacked numerous times in the Lost River and Lemhi ranges, and I support maximum wilderness protections for these areas. In particular, the Borah Plus, Pahsimeroi Mountains, North Lemhi Range and South Lemhi Range evaluation areas are outstanding in their scenery, geologic interest and opportunities for primitive recreation. Their wilderness values exceed those of many designated Wilderness Areas elsewhere, and they would represent nationally significant improvements to America's protected landscapes. My own experience has been that the existing roads into these areas do not significantly detract from the wilderness experience, thanks to their light use, rough condition and the ruggedness of the surrounding terrain.

The North Lemhi Range area has outstanding geology and is large enough to accommodate a very substantial backpacking trip. South Lemhi Range and Borah Plus contain some of Idaho's most outstanding scenery and the state's highest peaks, and the character of their limestone geology at alpine elevations has few parallels in the Wilderness system. Adjacent BLM WSAs such as Burnt Creek also enhance the wild character of the Borah Plus area.

I believe all these areas and the North Slope Pioneers as well should be legally protected and managed for their wilderness values. Please give Idaho's highest and most spectacular ranges the protection they deserve!

Sincerely,

Andrew J. Frishman