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Comments:

I wholistically disagree with any expansion of the wilderness areas in Idaho that are not directly attached (no roads or land separation) from the Frank Church wilderness. Anything south of salmon makes no sense as a wilderness whatsoever - its already a motorless area for a large part of the year limiting any impact on the habitat.

I am a hunter, hiker and fisherman who would not be able to access the vast majority of the areas outlined as wilderness expansion and i'm a mid 30's aged person, as i age it would become unusable. Expanding the wilderness areas would cut off the vast majority of people using these areas for their remote, yet accessible fishing and hunting opprotunities. I have a lot of respect (and you should to!) for the many 50's-70's year old people who would be cut off from using this land for hunting and fishing for much of their life because of a land classification change.

As a non-resident this change would eliminate my ability to hunt and fish in idaho and support your local economies, something i have been doing for the past 4 years, and something i was hoping to do for many more. This change would immediately stop the vast majority of non residents (who provide a significant portion of the money coming into idaho for licensing fees) from coming to idaho for hunting and fishing. THis in turn would have a direct impact on the local economies of the Salmon, challis, and lemhi valley townships.

I strongly urge you - who are governing our National Forest land usage in Idaho to keep everyone in mind and not expand the already larget wilderness areas in Idaho beyond their existing sizes and in turn look for alternative options. Alternative options could include making motorless areas beoynd gates year round, gate off the non-main forest service roads after 1-2 miles.

There are many alternatives that would allow for continued land usage and protection of critical habitat areas beyond designation of wilderness.

Feel free to contact me at any time for any input on alternative options.

Thanks,

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