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Comments:

Provide input on the wilderness evaluation process for the Salmon-Challis National Forest. Speak up for protecting wild places!

I write to urge you to consider Borah Peak and North Slope Pioneers for wilderness protection, continuing a decision made in an earlier evaluation. I also encourage you to consider the northern Lemhis and Pahsimeroi Mountains for wilderness designation. All of these areas are natural, undeveloped, untrammled and provide the potential for solitude and primitive recreation--criteria for wilderness character.

I am past the age where I can avail myself of some of the opportunities to explore these areas. However, in the past and even now as a visitor nearby, I appreciate the wilderness characteristics, even if I cannot hike into them. Having them as part of the Salmon-Challis wilderness protected area improves the character of wilderness in our state, protects wildlife and flora, and enlarges our view of what is important in our Idaho life. Recently, we had occasion to drive into the Pahsimeroi area for the first time. We were astounded by the beauty and solitude. Our state stands for Wilderness with a capital W. Please help expand our protections for the benefit of all of us Idahoans and for the public in general.