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Comments:

I am writing to talk to you about the Salmon-Challis National Forest Revision Plan. I am a strong supporter of maintaining and adding to wilderness areas where ever feasible. As a wise person once said, "you can't make more land". Idaho has a treasure, and that treasure is the wild places that people before us had the foresight to preserve. They saw that land as a valuable resource and we should continue to treat it as such. In particular I support wilderness designation in the Pioneers. As the backyard to the Hailey, Bellevue and Ketchum communities there are so many people who live near and recreate in these places. When I first got to Hailey the Pioneers were one of the first places I ventured into. The remarkable beauty and remoteness of this place struck me immediately. That you could go an entire day driving and hiking through this place and see only a handful of people. The beauty of the draws and peaks that tower above you. We would be remiss to think that this place deserves anything other than wilderness designation. I respect and appreciate the human history and industries that have had a part in shaping the landscape and culture of these places. I believe that they should continue in the areas they have resided but I think it is short sighted to think that they have a sustainable future in our economy. The future is in preservation and protection of lands. With the decline of the natural environment we have seen in my lifetime alone (26 years) it is imperative that we retain and protect the quality of the wild lands that remain. It is for these reasons that I believe the Pioneers should be recommended and managed as wilderness area.