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Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment in favor of wilderness designation. I have spent most of my life hiking the wilderness areas of the Sierra Nevada and are forever grateful for those experiences. I have heard people say we have enough wilderness and I strongly disagree. Our population continues to grow along with development. We need to save wild places for our future generations. I have spent a considerable amount of time in the Copper Basin area, hiking to Goat Lake, Broad Canyon, Bellas and the White Mountains. In addition I have great appreciation for Wild Horse Creek as well as Arrowhead Lake and surrounding area. I would like to see the North Fork Big Lost, Porphyry Peak, Copper Basin, North Slope Pioneers and south White Knobs designated as a contiguous Wilderness area. Recognizing that Wild Horse Road, East Fork of Big Lost Rd and Copper Basin Loop would probably remain. Goat Lake is an amazing place with large cutthroat trout in residence. A friend observed and photographed a wolverine at Goat Lake a few years ago. It is a beautiful, wild place which deserves full wilderness protection. I have backpacked into Kane Lake which is breathtaking. Mount Borah and Lost River should be added to our wilderness protection. As the population of Idaho increases, more people will impact the area. Once wilderness is gone, we cant bring it back. The Pahsimeroi and the Lemhi Range should be included for wilderness status for its wildness and solitude. Many people have never experienced a place of solitude and complete silence. Future generations of Americans will be able to enjoy and appreciate these areas. I often hear the complaint These areas are being locked up. Nothing can be further from the truth. People will be free to enjoy these areas without the distraction of motorized use and or extraction industries. To quote Aldo Leopoldo, I am glad I shall never be young without wild country to be young in. To what avail are forty freedoms without a blank spot on the map.

Thank you again for this opportunity to share my thoughts with you.

Respectfully,

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I look forward to exploring more of Write your comment on the wilderness evaluation process here.