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Comments:

I am writing this comment to object to any proposal to designate any Public lands that include King Mountain Idaho as Wilderness. I object strongly to any designation that would prevent access to King Mountain for Free Flight activities

King Mountain and the towns of Arco and Moore have seen more than 40 years of foot launched Free Flight activity, which includes Hang Gliding and Paragliding. Thousands of pilots have flown tens of thousands of flights safely from this world-class site, with no impact on the environment beyond driving up the road. Flying Hang Gliders and Paragliders over the Lost River Range has zero impact on the lands and wildlife.

I doubt many people are aware that Free Flight is not allowed in Wilderness areas, and is a Green activity with zero impact on the landscape and wildlife, whereas horseback riding (which is allowed in wilderness designated areas) causes habitat damage and exposure to invasive plant species.

Pilots from every State in the US, and many countries visit Moore Idaho every summer to fly King Mountain.

DO NOT designate this historic free flight district as wilderness !!

Allen Reid Sparks | 'Sparky'