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Dear Forest Service Managers,

As President Lyndon B. Johnson stated upon his signing of The Wilderness Act in September of 1964: If future generations are to remember us with gratitude rather than contempt, we must leave them a glimpse of the world as it was in the beginning, not just after we got through with it.

Keeping these words in mind, now is a great time to recognize and add several areas in the Salmon-Challis National Forest as wilderness designation: The Lost River Range, the Lemhi Range with Mt. Borah, our highest Idaho mountain peak, and the Pioneer Mountains. All of these roadless and wild areas are places where law mandates above all else that wildness be retained for our current generation, and those who will follow as your website states under the Wilderness Tab.

I have backpacked and hiked in all of these areas with my husband and family over the last 40 years, and I can attest that each one is special and deserving of the stature of Wilderness Area. These special places have presented us with great solitude, memorable adventures, challenges of self-reliance, abundant wildlife, and unforgettable memories of a life-time.

The Salmon-Challis National Forest is the largest forest in the state, and contains some of its wildest remaining unroaded areas. These areas have been managed as wilderness for years, preserving their exceptional wilderness characteristics. I support permanently protecting them as wilderness for our future. My Husband and I would rather be remembered as the generation of protection and with gratitude, rather than the generation of contempt because we allowed another wild and pristine area to be impacted by man.

Thank you,
Sheila Boester and Bob Wood