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Jeff,
Thanks for the informative meeting today about new proposed wilderness. As I mentioned to you we have a home and 15 acres on Trail Creek in the Panther Creek drainage. It has burned a couple of times around the house especially in the Clear Creek fire of 2000.
I'm would not be in favor of this area becoming wilderness, a fair amount of homes in the area and fighting fires is hard enough with it being non-wilderness. The area also has many roads in the bottoms and tops of the canyons people access with 4x4 for outdoor recreation and hunting season.

Overall I'm not in favor of more wilderness in the area period. The Frank Church River of No Return is right out our backdoor with 3 million plus acres of area for us to enjoy. We need to keep area's open to people to get fire wood, us for recreation with there Trailers and orv's.
A new wilderness area would greatly impact use of this kind, not to mention reduce access to our outdoors, which currently is already a big problem with the wilderness we already have. The biggest in the lower 48 I might add.

Thanks so much again for the great informative meeting!

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