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Comments:

I have lived my entire life and spent endless hours hiking in the Chalk Buttes area of the Custer National Forest. I would like to support the Backcountry designation for the Chalk Buttes that is included in Plan D. If another Alternative is selected, please consider moving the designation to the selected plan.

The Chalk Buttes is a somewhat isolated area and has not been overrun with motorized transportation. It is still pristine and somewhat primitive. It has great diversity of flora and fauna, including paper birch trees. The area has historical cultural as it was used by the Sioux and Northern Cheyenne in the 1800s. Commercial logging, new roads, developed recreational sites, mining would irreparably damage the area.

The Buttes needs more protection than their isolated location provides.

Thanks for your consideration.