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Comments:

It's been four score and seven years since we've had a Wilderness Designation in Montana, so I would like to see an expansion of the Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness as well as new wilderness in the Lionhead and Gallatin Crest. I love to mountain bike and snowmobile, but I think that there are more important things to consider than how I spend my weekends. I do not affiliate with a certain group; I've just been spent my entire adult life recreating in this forest, drink its run off, and observing the magnificent wildlife. I think the Gallatin Forest Partnership did a good job proposing thoughtful protections and recreational balance in the Gallatins. The Gallatin Crest Trail and Gallatin Crest area in general needs to be protected for the health of this ecosystem as well as the systems it is connected to.

Like our former Senator Lee Metcalf, I'm crazy for mountains, especially the Crazy Mountains. I think it's a damn shame that the private landowners have been able to run amuck on one of the most spectacular, unique, and sacred landscapes in Montana. Please take steps to consolidate the land ownership to ensure better future protection and public access.