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Comments:

While I understand the Forest Service's longstanding commitment to multiple use, I think our country's growing urbanization and the alarming loss of biological diversity speak loudly to the need for intact wilderness areas. Compared to the ever growing number of industrialized and mechanized areas of our land, We have few remaining places where the natural world remains and native species can be protected. In Montana our landscapes are our wealth, not for extraction of minerals and timber, but for the awe-inspiring beauty and tranquility that tourists from crowded, noisy metropolitan areas flock here to experience. Maintaining wilderness helps to ensure that these treasures will remain for future generations. Please enact Alternative D as the new forest plan.